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CenterFest Arts Festival

The Durham Arts Council will present its 32nd annual CenterFest Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th in historic Downtown Durham. Leisure is helping as a 'Gold' Sponsor. CenterFest 2005 features more than 110 juried visual artists, continuous live music, over 25 performers, Alligator Records Blues recording artists Cephas and Wiggins, a Sculpture Garden, festival foods, and a lively Creative Zone devoted to kids and the young at heart. Leisure Landscapes is providing plantings at the entrances, stage and Sculpture Garden. Other festival features include promotional booths and activities of more than 30 Durham area non-profit and civic organizations.

CenterFest is the longest-running street arts festival in North Carolina. Festival hours are Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Sunday 12 noon – 6:00 pm.

CenterFest is in a new location this year on

West Main Street between N. Duke St. and Great Jones St. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$3.00 at the gate (\$10 suggested donation for families of 4 or more).

Proceeds support production of the festival and the DAC Annual Arts Fund that funds arts programs, artists, and arts organizations in the community. More information is available online at www.centerfest.durhamarts.org.



"This year Durham Arts Council is proud to support hurricane relief efforts by collecting donations at a CenterFest 'Wishing Well' that will be sent to the Americans for the Arts Emergency Relief Fund. The donations will support arts organizations and artists rebuilding their lives and their arts in areas impacted by major disasters," said DAC Board President, Kathy Bartlett.

New and Improved!



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THE RED BUTTE Garden

Nestled just five minutes east of downtown Salt Lake City on the University of Utah campus is the Red Butte Garden. Plan your visit by October 2005 and see the bronze statuary exhibit of Robert Wick and enjoy an organic fusion of human and botanical forms.



From Top:

Mormon Church in Salt Lake,

Colorful lavender and seasonal, human pyramid statue, mountain view, boy feeding ducks at the pond, shadow of pagoda roof makes geometric form on the dock.



From top, counterclockwise:

Horizontal statue
Vertical statue
Circular garden plaza



A small parking lot is located near the entrance to the visitor center where you can get your admission ticket for only \$10. Enter the plaza and take the path to the left towards the 'old garden'

When you reach the lowest elevation, the path turns and takes you by a stream bed and waterfall. Flanking the falls is a grassy lawn that opens up to a garden pond that serves as a home to ducks, turtles and gold fish.

Linger here in the shade of the pagoda-roofed dock and enjoy the breeze off the water. Take in the bronze statuary of Robert Wick. Here and along the path walking and standing figures tower 12 and 14 feet tall and provide a whimsical and organic fusion of human and botanical forms.

Resume your walk up the pathway lined with red sandstone retaining walls and enter the first of three garden plazas. Each has the same basic circular form with stone retaining walls, arbors,



and cascading water pools. The first plaza features a grand wisteria arbor and plantings of roses, lavender and herbs.

What to look for in October

Colorful fruits and magnificent seedheads adorn the garden in fall. Look for the fruit of various Viburnums (*Viburnum sp.*), Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'*), Russian Hawthorn (*Crataegus ambigua*), Sumac (*Rhus sp.*), Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia 'Red King'*), and Crabapple (*Malus sp.*).



movement to the garden. Throughout the garden, you will encounter Fountain grass, Moore grass, Maidenhair grass, Drop-



The Red Butte Garden showcase lavender, coreopsis against a backdrop to the mountains.

seeds, Muhley's and Feather Reed grass. Attend an Ornamental Grass class this fall to learn more

The path to the left takes you to the newer exhibits of mountains and high desert plantings. Cross the blacktop road and you will return to the entry plaza. Stop at the gift shop for a souvenir.

The Red Butte Garden is not on the scale of some of the more famous botanical gardens, but it does provide an enjoyable place to picnic and spend time while in Salt Lake City..

The garden is located at 300 Wakar Way and may be contacted at (801) 585-0556 or www.redbuttegarden.org.

The floral display of ornamental

grass is at its peak providing luminescence and



Clockwise from top right: Second plaza, girl at pond, bridge over tranquil waters



Decked Out

With the increased demand on wood products from the recent damage of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, prices for wood are skyrocketing. A recent study uncovers serious alternatives for decking materials.

When it comes to building decks most people try hard to match the style of their homes, but there's been little debate over the materials. Pressure-treated lumber has predominantly been the choice for outdoor structures, pine being the most common type. Though wood can be the most inexpensive, it is also a maintenance nightmare.

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Decking is the surface of the structure—the part you walk on and enjoy, but also the part that in wooden decks deteriorates over time. The under-structure of the deck is hidden from UV rays and most rainwater, so wood is a great material to use.

But wood is *not* an ideal material

to use in decking (the surface). Pressure treated wood splinters, cracks and rots if not constantly maintained, and dangerous contents of the wood could be harmful.

Until 2004 pressure-treated lumber—wood infused with chromated copper arsenate (CCA)—has been used heavily in outdoor constructions. Since the beginning of last year the outdoor-lumber industry has voluntarily stopped the production of CCA for residential use since CCA contains a known carcinogen.

If you already own an outdoor structure containing CCA, tearing it down would be a drastic last resort. But now that wood might be moving down to the bottom of your list of options, what choices do you have left?

Composite is a combination of plastic resin and wood fiber, which can be mildly manipulated and is

resin and wood fiber, which can be mildly manipulated and is nearly maintenance-free.

Plastic or Vinyl Decking is made of various plastics and can be easily installed, requiring little or no upkeep.

These decking alternatives still require a wood under-structure of posts, beams and joists, but new chemical treatments are available that are more friendly to the environment.

For a look at some examples of our decks, visit www.leisurelandscapes.com and click on "Decks and Arbors."

More information on safe decking is available at www.ConsumerReports.org under the July 2004 issue of Home.

Meet the Leisure Landscapes Maintenance Team Leaders

Isn't it great to come home and find your lawn mowed and bushes pruned, see the landscape lighting automatically on or your irrigation system winterized without you having to make a call? Ever wonder who these 'invisible' workers were? Well, we'd like you to know, so we proudly introduce the Leisure Landscapes Maintenance Team Leaders.



Antonio Vargas ... is known to his crew members as 'Tordo'. He is 23 years of age, and newly married. He and his wife Yadira live in North Raleigh with their ten-month-old daughter Arely.

Antonio enjoys playing baseball in his spare time, which is hard to find since he works Monday through Saturday. He is trained in irrigation system maintenance and has a total of five years experience in the landscaping industry.

Antonio currently leads the "Yellow" Team, that is involved with short-term installation projects and he is responsible for 47 Complete Care Plan maintenance contracts and 12 IrriGuard contracts for his service area.

Martin Vallejo ... enjoys the distinction of being Leisure Landscapes' oldest employee.

Martin has a lot of experience: six years in the landscape industry, three of which with Leisure Landscapes. He currently leads the "Red" team and maintains 50 Complete Care Plan contracts and 15 IrriGuard contracts



He was born in Guanajuato, Mexico in 1964 and is married to Yolanda. They have three children: Maria, 21; Roberto, 20 and Salvador, 14.

When he's not working, Martin enjoys playing volleyball and smoking cigars.



A Note from the President

Leisure Landscapes has always been a strong supporter of the Arts. This week we will be a sponsor for the Durham Arts Council's **Centerfest**. The festival and exhibition will run 10AM-6PM Saturday, October 8 and noon to 6PM Sunday, October 9. It will feature artists, music and fun in historic downtown Durham.

We have a lot to be thankful for, not the least of which is our being spared this hurricane season. Our hearts go out to those in Louisiana that are suffering so much and urge you to help in any way that you can, just as they would help us.

There are impacts on our industry. As the 'Decked Out' article indicated, wood prices are up because of the rebuilding demand and oil prices are again climbing (our single largest maintenance expense item after payroll). We will be monitoring prices closely for impact on our maintenance contracts.

Finally, it's time to start thinking about Spring. Check out the great flower selections and order now.



Live the Life of Leisure

WELCOME!

to our new Complete Care Plan customers for 2005:

John and Donna Cuomo (new name and new home), Stone Bridge; **Mike and Mara Margaret Deaton**, Carpenter Village; **Jack and Brenda Deere**, Rockfall; **Jim Force**, Bedford; **Genya and Alex Gorodezky**, Oakwood; **Dana and Wendy Jones** (new home) Sheffield Manor, **Lee Hansley Gallery**, Glenwood; **Jeff Marshall**, North St.; **Kim and Ruffin Simmons**, Manor Oaks; **Bob and Pat Stoner**, Wessex; **Rita Betz Stosch**, The Ridge at McKinley Mill.



View of the CenterFest Duke Street Entrance Design



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October 31.**

Leisure Landscape's Weekly Maintenance Schedule

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Yellow Team Leader: Antonio | Special Request Jobs | North Raleigh Alyson Pond, North Ridge | Raleigh Country Club Hills, North Hills, Olde Raleigh | Durham, Chapel Hill Winstead, Governors, Fearington | Apex, Cary Dogwood Ridge, Tatton Place, Preston | Cary Wessex |
| Red Team Leader: Martin | Special Request Jobs | Cary, Holly Springs Lochmere, Wyndfall, Enchanted Oaks, | Cary, Morrisville Preston, Carpenter Village, Weston Estates | Wake Forest Wakefield, Bedford, Falls River | Raleigh Hayes Barton, Oakwood, Glenwood, | Rolesville Heddingham, Wall Creek |

The Leisure Landscapes Fall Calendar

| SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apply lime to turf ◆ Apply fertilizer to turf ◆ Aerate & overseed Fescue lawns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plant Spring seasonal flowers ◆ Remove leaves from lawn ◆ Winterize irrigation systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prune evergreen shrubs ◆ Remove leaves from lawn ◆ Clean ponds and fountains |