



# Leisure News

*Through the Garden gate*

*Your Source for Landscape News*

The RLT Garden Tour

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**The lush woodland gardens of** Leisure Landscape's customer Peggy Titus were selected by the Raleigh Little Theatre as their flagship garden for their 2006 Raleigh Little Theatre Garden Tour.

Views of the garden are featured in the RLT's publicity and promotional material from a photo shoot two years ago. Prominent features include the large garden pond with a bridge and gazebo, a waterfall and a stucco garden wall. Leisure Landscapes' teams have also assisted Peggy with the construction of much of the hardscapes including all the fences, stone masonry, waterfall and irrigation systems .

Since the shoot, Peggy has been working on the final touches with an all-new deck and front yard with an Asian flair and more stone masonry walls. And plants are everywhere, ranging from the common to the exotic.

You enter the Garden through custom built wrought iron gates designed by Peggy and fabricated by an artisan in Arizona who was able to scan the design and laser-cut the steel exactly. The Leisure Landscapes team installed the gates in a custom stucco on block wall with Art Deco flair. There's an interesting story here. We couldn't find capstones for the columns that we liked so we ended up using the landscapers old wok as the form.



Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend with the RLT Garden Tour May 13-14, 2006. One of the Triangle's premiere spring events, the Raleigh Little Theatre Garden Tour attracts more than 500 people to the Raleigh rose Garden and private gardens in support of the oldest and largest community theatre in the capital city—Raleigh Little Theatre.

From here you can choose to go to the right and follow the garden perimeter or go left through the evergreen clematis-covered arbor into the heart of the garden. Going left you are greeted by the refreshing sound of the waterfall and the kinetic display of hundreds of goldfish darting through water lilies. Pass over the bridge to the two-story gazebo for a panoramic view of the entire garden. Once you have the lay of the land, return across the bridge and descend into a true garden of delights.

How does she have time to do all this? "Gardening is my passion, closely followed by entertaining" says Peggy. Since retiring from the North Carolina Association of Educators, she now has time to pursue both. She recently renovated her kitchen with latest stainless steel appliances and crisp contemporary styling. And if your lucky, you'll be treated to some of her culinary creations. When she's not in the garden, she caters. Her parties are renown and her garden has served as a wedding reception location on several occasions.

So, this Mother's Day, come to the RLT and see the nine gardens they have to offer. And be sure and stop by and see Peggy's fantastic garden. For tickets, contact us at 847.1733 or the Raleigh Little Theatre at 821.3111. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students, Saturday May 13 and Sunday May 14.



# Water Restrictions

April 18, 2006

The Triangle area finds itself in severe drought conditions. Although the recent rains have helped, April is typically our driest month, and the long-range forecast is for a hot, dry summer. El Nino conditions in the Pacific are to blame.

## Drought Classification and Response Actions D2-Severe Drought

The North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council (NCDMAC) strongly advises water users in the counties that are indicated on the US Drought Monitor Map as suffering from Severe Drought (D2) conditions to enact the following precautions until further notice:

- Implement Water Shortage Response Plans
- Stay informed on drought conditions and advisories ([www.ncdrought.org](http://www.ncdrought.org)).
- Participate in regional and local coordination for the management of water resources.
- Eliminate nonessential uses of water.

**Table of Triangle Municipalities Lawn Irrigation Guidelines**

CITY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Turn on	LEVEL
Apex	NO	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN		Stage 1
Cary	NO	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN		Stage 1
Chapel Hill	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		Voluntary
Creedmore	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Durham	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		Stage 1
Holly Springs	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Morrisville	NO	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN		Stage 1
Raleigh	NO	ODD	EVEN			ODD	EVEN		Stage 2
Wake Forest	NO	ODD	EVEN			ODD	EVEN		Stage 2

## Tired of Wasting Water? Try our Irrigation Special... 10% off through May 31, 2006.

**T**ired of Dragging Hoses and Wasting Water? Install an **automatic irrigation system** with Leisure Landscapes.

Sprinkler heads and piping are installed underground and connected directly to your water meter. When it is time to water, the nozzles automatically pop up to water the area and retract when done.

Automatic irrigation saves **you**

money and water at the same time. The systems meter the water out exactly. Each head is calibrated to release a certain amount of water (from 1.5 to 2 gal per minute). With our sophisticated **RainBird** controllers, we can put down **exactly** the amount of water required in each area of the landscape. And we can do it on any schedule that meets local requirements: odd even days, or specific days of the

week. We even have sensors that automatically turn the system off in the event of sufficient rain!

Don't leave your hose running all night. Choose a **water-wise irrigation system** from Leisure Landscapes and save!



# WALKWAYS

*The path to tranquility is in your own back yard*

A walkway can turn a muddy mess into orderliness. Pets, children, and everyday traffic can wear down the lawn in spots and create channels for rainwater to turn to mud. A walkway provides a clean and immovable boundary that stepping stones can't. But the walkway doesn't have to hang around the house.

It can be your pathway into parts of your yard that you seldom use. It can connect your living area into a natural park-like space with new color, texture, and light in the new landscape.

*“A walkway can be your pathway into parts of your yard that you seldom use”*

The walkway itself can widen the range of the sensory enjoyment of your landscape. Walking on varied textures and having a choice of following the path or not will make strolling to the mailbox a pastime instead of necessity.



A walkway by Leisure Landscapes at the beautiful Foland residence.

## Your walkway can be made of:

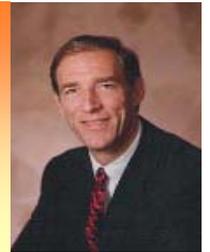
- ◆ Stone
- ◆ Stone and Brick
- ◆ Brick
- ◆ Gravel and Stone
- ◆ Concrete
- ◆ Concrete Pavers
- ◆ Gravel
- ◆ Stone and Turfgrass or Moss

*Our growth and success to date is the result of a lot of hard work and an appreciative and loyal customer base. This year we celebrate our tenth year with Jim Anthony. He and his wife Susan have entrusted us with the care of their home. I would like you to see him as I do and recognize him and his accomplishments. – Paul Martin*



## 10 Year Anniversary

# Jim Anthony



I first met Jim at his corporate office on Oberlin Road in Raleigh. We were introduced by Catherine Miller, a noted architect (she is now President of Anthony & Co.) I had been invited to prepare a design for a renovation of the landscaping at the entrance. I made my presentation and was hired for the job. After it was successfully installed, Jim pulled me aside and asked if I would consider maintaining his home. I agreed, prepared a proposal and began service. That was ten years ago.

Only 10 years earlier, Jim Anthony had established his own successful commercial real estate service company, Anthony & Co. When Anthony “hung a shingle” in 1987, he was a one-man show, sharing office space with Tom Darden, then owner of Cherokee Sanford Group. While many larger real estate companies struggled and even closed their doors during the “crash” of 1989 through 1991, Anthony & Co. tripled its staff and revenues by staying focused on brokerage transactions driven by market conditions. In fact, Anthony & Co. was awarded the “Fast 50” and “Fast 30” awards by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce in 1993 and 1994. In the years since, Jim Anthony’s commitment to Raleigh and the communities encompassing the Triangle has resulted in numerous other awards and recognitions. Jim Hawkins had known Anthony since 1973 as a result of his son’s friendship with Anthony at Duke.

In 1998 Hawkins was preparing for retirement and approached Anthony about a possible purchase of Allenton. As part of the purchase, Anthony & Co. changed its name to AnthonyAllenton Commercial Real Estate and concurrently its staff was increased from 23 to 29 associates. In 2002, AnthonyAllenton became a member of ONCOR International, a highly regarded international commercial real estate network.

In 2004, AnthonyAllenton returned to its original name, Anthony & Co. and now has affiliate office in Atlanta, Georgia and Niagara Falls, New York. Today Anthony & Co. is a complete commercial real estate service firm with over forty associates offering transaction services, property and facilities management, development, investment services, consulting, and business brokerage.

Throughout its distinguished history, Anthony & Co. has been transforming communities in the Triangle and beyond. We are honored and pleased that Jim has chosen Leisure Landscapes to be his personal landscape provider during these growth years.

**Congratulations Jim and Susan and Thank You for Ten Great Years!**



## *A Note from our President*

Over the years I have enjoyed maintaining a personal relationship with my customers. There are two that I would like to spotlight: Jim Anthony, who is celebrating his tenth year as a Leisure Landscapes customer (and will receive a \$500 Gift Certificate) and Peggy Titus whose garden has been selected as the "Poster Child" for the Raleigh Little Theatre Garden Tour. Congratulations to you both!

I am excited about our programs in support of the Arts. As a sponsor of the Raleigh Little Theatre Garden Tour, we are helping to open the doors of some of Raleigh's best and unique gardens to you and help them fund their 2006 Season. Also this year, we are again supporting the General Assembly Chorus. If you have not experienced A cappella harmony, come see **Those Were The Days**.

Finally, check out our article on Water Restrictions for the new rules and regs and how to make do in drought.



*Live the Life of Leisure*

### *WELCOME!*

*to our new Complete Care Plan customers for Spring 2006:*

**James and Pat Allen**, Ethans Glen; **Gil Brazel**, Park at Perry Creek; **Tom and Suzanne Bright**, Weston Estates; **Betty Eddins**, Heritage; **Dr. David and Cheryl Jackson**, Wynstone; **Maureen and Matt Sawchak**, Wessex; **Ken and Nancy Thompson**, Braeloch; **VCA Triangle Tower Animal Hospital**, Corporation Parkway; **Liz and George Walker**, Bond Lake

### Leisure Landscapes

*Is a proud sponsor of*  
**Those Were The Days**

The General Assembly Chorus presents its Spring Show at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts Saturday, May 6 at 2:30 & 8 PM.

We have 30 **FREE** tickets available to the first 15 callers: **847-1733**

For more info contact: [www.GeneralAssemblyChorus.org](http://www.GeneralAssemblyChorus.org).

#### Leisure Landscape's Weekly Maintenance Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Yellow Team Leader: Carmen</b>	<b>Special Request Jobs</b>	<b>North Raleigh</b> Durant Trails, Alyson Pond, North Ridge	<b>Raleigh</b> Spring Valley, Country Club Hills, Blenheim, Olde Raleigh, Crosswinds, North Ridge	<b>Durham, Chapel Hill</b> Ethans Glen, Briardale, Mary Dell, Northwoods, Southern Village, Boothe Hill, Governor's Village, Fearington Village	<b>Apex, Cary</b> Dogwood Ridge, Waldon Creek, Tatton Place, Bond Lake, Preston, Riggsby Farm	<b>Cary, Morrisville</b> Wessex, Baymont Inns
<b>Red Team Leader: Alejandro</b>	<b>Special Request Jobs</b>	<b>Holly Springs, Cary</b> Sunset Ridge, Wyndfall, Lochmere, Enchanted Oaks, Braeloch, Kildaire Farms	<b>North Raleigh</b> Olde Creedmoor, Silverton, Chandler Pointe, Sheffield Manor, Hunters Knoll, Bent Tree	<b>Wake Forest</b> Park at Perry Creek, Ridge at McKinley Mill, Wall Creek, Heritage, Wakefield Plantation	<b>Raleigh</b> Glenwood South, Hillsborough St, Downtown, Hayes Barton	<b>Cary, Morrisville</b> Carpenter Village, Preston Village, Preston, Weston Estates

#### LEISURE'S INFORMATION STATION

#### The Leisure Landscapes Spring Calendar

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Clean out Winter debris</li> <li>◆ Apply fertilizer to lawn</li> <li>◆ Prune liriopie and ornamental grasses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Prune hedges</li> <li>◆ Apply herbicides for crabgrass</li> <li>◆ Restart Irrigation Systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Plant summer seasonal flowers</li> <li>◆ Apply round-up on weeds in beds</li> <li>◆ Spray pesticides for Lace Bugs</li> </ul>