



# Leisure News

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At Triangle Town Center



*Spring is in the Air*

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Leisure Landscapes was selected by the Richard E. Jacobs Group, Inc., owners and managers of the Triangle Town Center, to create an exclusive Spring exhibit for the mall's Center Court.

Jason Hanna of the Leisure Landscapes team was tasked with preparing the design concept and pricing the display. Paul Martin prepared the winning bid proposal.

The plan includes over 700 shrubs and trees, a large Gazebo, retaining walls, a paver patio, artificial turf, landscape lighting and irrigation displays.

The exhibit will take 5 days to install and will be on view from mid-March through mid-April. Major partners in the exhibit include John Deere Landscapes, Leonard Building Accessories, Luck Stone and Taylor's Nursery.



Enter the Leisure Landscapes Garden display from the food court at the Triangle Town Center. Wander through the park-like setting and admire the blooming azaleas, and relax in the gazebo or sit and stretch your legs from the garden wall. *Design by Jason Hanna, Leisure Landscapes.*

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# THE HUNTINGTON Gardens

**I**n the posh bedroom community of San Marino, California, is the Huntington Botanical Gardens and Art Gallery, a wonderful afternoon excursion. The parking is plentiful and a short walk takes you to the entrance and visitor center. Save the gift shop for the return, as you have a lot to see first.

Take a left on the perimeter path for a clockwise tour of the grounds. Your first stop will be through the desert cactus gardens. Here are some fine representations of ponytail palm, saguaro cactus and Australian bottle trees. What is particularly pleasing is that you don't have just one of every kind displayed as a collection, but rather groupings of mass plantings that present a more forceful and tasteful presence. You can wander several paths for a more in-depth view.

Continuing around the path brings you to a meadow with a large stand of bamboo and the fish pond. Here you see blades of pickerel rush, papyrus and water lilies. It's a favorite spot for children who delight in the schools of goldfish and koi nibbling at the surface for food.

From here, take the upper path that goes under the canopy of giant magnolias and through lush ferns by a small stream and falls. To the right, as the path comes to the edge of the woods, you have a clear view of the Art Gallery beyond the lawn at the top of the hill. Proceeding down the hill, our shortcut intersects with the perimeter path and there, before you, are two Chinese lions guarding the entrance to the bamboo forest that takes you to the courtyard and Zen garden with its extensive collection of bonsai.

But first you must do penance by climbing the switchbacks of the hillside path until you arrive at the courtyard gate. Here are nearly fifty bonsai specimens of varying types from juniper to lantana. But perhaps the most intriguing is the 'jin' bonsai. The appearance is much like driftwood fused to the living tree. The

process is in fact a scoring of the bark of the portion of the tree you want to jin, killing it and turning it white. The technique is highly prized to given the appearance of even greater age.

Leaving the bonsai exhibit, the path then takes you through a gate into the Zen garden. Here classical Chinese elements of boulders and black pine form an island within a sea of raked gravel evoking the feel of ripples on the water, frozen in time. At the opposite courtyard door, you see the teahouse on the adjoining hill. You may take the walkway down the hill and back up again, or veer off to the left and approach the teahouse from the side. Exterior walls are open on several sides allowing a view of the ceremonial tea area, its low table and bamboo mats on the inside.

Turn away from the teahouse and look to your right at a beautifully landscaped valley below. Manicured black pines, green lawns, and a striking half-moon Chinese bridge unfold before you. On the opposite ridge is a pergola of wisteria. Follow the winding paths to this ridge and look back. The vista before you of the bridge below and the teahouse on the ridge is one of the best that the Huntington has to offer.

Once you have taken all this in, turn and proceed up the staircase through the Chinese gates. Opening before you is the large expanse of lawns and the rose gardens. Continue on the garden path through a trellised arcade where hundreds of varieties of tea roses flank both sides of the walk. Ahead is a marble columned gazebo with a statue of a young maiden.

Across the lawn is the imposing edifice of the Huntington Art Gallery. Head north along the path and take a break at the cafe patio.

Under a tree canopy, the shaded patio offers a respite from the sun and a place to sit and rest your feet. On the other side of the cafe is a small garden of herbs and other plants that have found uses in various products from hemp for rope to natural dyes.

Reverse your course and pass by the cafe once again and proceed to the Porte Cochere. Here lies the entrance to the Huntington Gallery, once the home of the Henry E. Huntington family. The ornately molded and plastered ceilings, dark wood paneled walls and granite tile floors make a prestigious backdrop to the art collection that includes, among other works, the portrait of Washington, painted by Gilbert Stewart, circa 1796 (familiar to us all on every dollar bill). The unforgettable work of Thomas Gainsborough, 'The Blue Boy', commissioned circa 1770 is suitably paired with 'Pinkie' by Sir Thomas Lawrence, circa 1794.

As you exit the gallery and head for the parking lot, you will leave more than satisfied with the sensory delights of the day. For your future return trip to the Huntington, plan to spend some additional time viewing the newly installed Chinese garden which should be completed sometime in 2006.

The Chinese Garden with its Tea House, bell pagoda and moon bridge.

**From Top:**

Urn marks the perimeter path from the visitor center,

saguaro cactus in the desert garden,

a cluster of pony tail palms.

**From top, counterclockwise:**

Meadow

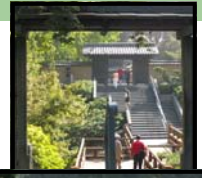
The fish pond

Chinese lion

'jin' Bonsai

**Clockwise from top right:**

Marble gazebo with maiden, rose garden arcade, the Blue Boy, Pinkie



# 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.

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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

## Meet the Leisure Landscapes 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 Team Leaders.

**Carmen Arredondo** ...chooses to go by his middle name instead of his given name of Jose. He is 26 years old and was born in Valle de Santiago, Guanajuato, Mexico. Carmen currently lives in Knightdale with his wife Janet and two-year old son Jose.



He enjoys working out at the gym and shopping the malls. For TV, he prefers the news.

Carmen has nine years landscaping experience, six of which are with Leisure Landscapes. He is skilled in irrigation system installation and maintenance, turf installation and maintenance, plant installation and maintenance and has received training from the Turf Council of North Carolina and participated in Field Day and Landscape Association events. He currently leads the 'Yellow' Team and is involved with short-term installation projects and responsible for 45 long-term Maintenance contracts.

**Roberto Garcia** ... is known to his crew members as 'Huevo'. He is 24 years of age, and currently single although he has a steady girl friend. He lives in North Raleigh and has relatives here and in California. His father and mother live in Mexico where he was born.

Roberto enjoys night clubbing were he can show off his dancing

skills. His artistic bent is also evident in his carpentry and masonry work. Roberto, too, is skilled in irrigation system installation and maintenance.

Roberto currently leads the "Red" Team, that is involved with short-term installation projects and he is responsible for 45 long-term maintenance contracts for his service area.

Roberto has 6 years experience in the landscaping industry, all of it with Leisure Landscapes.



**Carlos Zuniga** ... enjoys the distinction of being Leisure Landscapes' first employee. Hired in 1996, Carlos has seen the company grow and has grown with it.

A welder by training, Carlos brings this skill to the precision of all his construction jobs, whether they are retaining walls, lighting systems, irrigation, fence construction or ponds and waterfalls. He is highly energetic and motivated; you will always see him charging ahead on a project to make sure that your work is expertly and efficiently done.

Carlos was born in Tepeji del Rio dalgo, Mexico to a family of six. He has a wife, Lucila and 4 children, Luis 13, Alfredo 11, Fatima 7, Donna 2. As you can well imagine, working away from home for long periods of time is hard on family life. Consequently, Carlos takes frequent leave of two to four months to unite with his family. While here, Carlos lives with his brother Jose and his family in South Raleigh. When he's not working, Carlos enjoys watching soccer matches on TV, playing basketball and checking for bargains at garage sales.





## *A Note from our President*

I am excited about a new way to reach the public and give them a glimpse of what a new landscape can mean to them. This month we will be opening an exclusive exhibit in the Triangle Town Center Court. The exhibit will run from mid-March to mid-April and will feature the best in blooming plants, as well as retaining walls, a patio, gazebo, landscape lighting and irrigation.

I invite you to join us and our featured landscape partners: John Deere Landscapes, Leonard Building Accessories, Luck Stone and Taylor's Nursery.

We have a lot to be proud of, so forgive us if we toot our horn. And if your in the neighborhood, come by and pay us a visit. We will be happy to show you around and demonstrate some new items.



*Live the Life of Leisure*



View of the Easter Bunny at the Leisure Landscapes Exhibit at Triangle Town center.

### *WELCOME!*

*to our new Complete Care Plan customers for 2005:*

**Bob and Andra Adrian Preston; Tom and Laura Callan** (new home), Weston Estates; **Sherry Devries**, Briar Dale; **Sandy and Glen Elder**, Chapel Hill; **Mona Ellis**, Falls River, **Elaine Erwin and Brian Hughes**, North Ridge, **Fetzer Stephens**, Hillsborough Ave.; **Marshall & Taylor, P.C.**, Glenwood South; **Kelly McAninch**, The Ridge at McKinley Mill; **Mark Wright**, Weston Estates.

### **Sunday, April 17 Music in the Park 3PM**

Come to the Triangle Town Mall and hear members of the General Assembly Chorus give you a sneak preview of hits from their upcoming show, *Another Op'nin'* to be staged at the BTI Center, May 6-7. For more info contact [www.GeneralAssemblyChorus.org](http://www.GeneralAssemblyChorus.org).

#### Leisure Landscape's Weekly

Maintenance Schedule

#### LEISURE'S INFORMATION STATION

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Yellow Team Leader: Carmen</b>	<b>Special Request Jobs</b>	<b>North Raleigh</b> Alyson Pond, Muirfield, North Ridge	<b>Raleigh</b> Country Club Hills, North Hills, North Ridge	<b>Apex, Cary, Morrisville</b> Preston, Weston Estates	<b>Cary, Raleigh</b> Wessex, Olde Raleigh, Laurel Hills, Brookhaven
<b>Red Team Leader: Roberto</b>	<b>Special Request Jobs</b>	<b>Cary, Raleigh, Holly Springs, Fuquay Varina,</b>	<b>North Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro, Cary,</b>	<b>North Raleigh</b>	<b>Raleigh</b>

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 lirioppe 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>