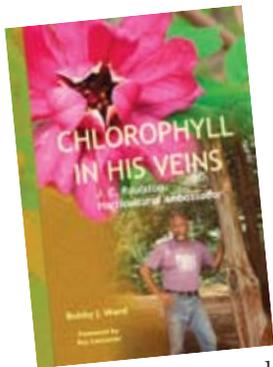


Gardening News

J.C. Raulston, the Man



Most gardeners in the Carolinas are familiar with the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, N.C. But how much do you really know

about the man whose namesake is now a prolific garden and research center? For an interesting summer read, check out Bobby J. Ward's latest book, *Chlorophyll in his Veins*. In this book, you'll learn about the man behind all the great horticultural finds and introductions.

His passion for plants and gardens began at an early age, when he started planting vegetable and flower seeds from mail order catalogs at age 9. The story follows him through

college and graduate school, to his time in Vietnam and then his doctoral studies, further research, teaching and development of the arboretum at North Carolina State University.

The second part includes an extensive collection of writings and papers.. It's a look at the personality that shaped much of what horticulture is today. Published by BJW Books, www.bobbyjward.com.

A Worthy Project



In honor of their 60th anniversary, the Oakwood Garden Club of Raleigh, N.C., has completed a gardening dream for one of their neighbors. For years, Maxine Alexander has wanted to make her yard in one of Raleigh's oldest

neighborhoods as beautiful as those around her.

Together with Underwood Tree Service and Laura Wright, a local landscape designer, Oakwood Garden Club was able to give Mrs. Turner the garden makeover she always dreamed of. Even better, the members of the garden club will come by each week to help with the upkeep of this new landscape. The project is just one of many the garden club has undertaken over the years to help beautify their neighborhood and help out members of the community.

Protect Your Tomatoes



Squirrels are cute creatures and can be fun to watch, but they can also be a bane to a gardener's existence. Not only do they steal the birdseed away from our beautiful bird feeders, they also love feasting on our juicy tomatoes. A local inventor has come up with something new that might just be the must-have product for gardeners across the country looking to save tomatoes from those hungry squirrels — the Tomato Shield.

The Tomato Shield is the brainchild of Basil Yankaglu of Raleigh, N.C. It's a plastic skirt that fits around the plant stem, preventing squirrels and other creatures from climbing up the plants and reaching the tomatoes. For more information visit www.tomatoshields.com.

Get Kids Excited About Gardening

The tricks and tips of gardening are best passed on from one generation to another through working together and having fun in the great outdoors. Now there's a new line of products from Ferry Morse to help get your younger gardening friends excited about helping pull weeds and harvest green beans. The Sesame Street gardening products include seed packets, mini greenhouses and gardens and gardening kits with their very own shovel and trowel. The kits also come with a booklet full of activities for the kids, planting tips for parents and healthy recipes you and the kids can make and enjoy together.

