

Longwood Sponsors Artful Symposium

NEWARK, DE — A one-day symposium on "The Artful Garden" will be held at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, on Friday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the University of Delaware Longwood Graduate Program.

March 12 is the deadline for registration.

The symposium is open to anyone interested in horticulture, landscape design, or home gardening. The \$65 fee covers registration and a weekend pass to Longwood Gardens. An optional

lunch is available for \$8. Proceedings of the speakers' talks will be available for \$5. Preregistration is necessary.

The program will feature talks on artful garden design by noted local landscape architect Bill Frederick and the magic of living

plant sculpture by Walt Disney World Resort horticulture manager Katy Moss Warner. David Streatfield, specialist in landscape architecture, urban design and planning and chair of the department of landscape architecture at the University of Washington, will speak about the historic link between art and gardens. Nationally known garden writer Tom Woodham will discuss his international exploration of decorative

objects in the garden.

Special tours by Longwood staff will feature chrysanthemum training, bonsai, topiary and the 10,010-pipe organ at Longwood Gardens. Garden art exhibits by local artists will include tapestry, botanical illustration, garden sculpture and furniture.

For more information or a registration form, call the University of Delaware Longwood Graduate Office at (302) 831-2517.

Farm Safety Course For Teens

NEWARK, DE — Agriculture is a dangerous occupation, especially for the inexperienced. University of Delaware Cooperative Extension will offer a safety training course this month for teenagers who plan to work on farms during the summer.

Federal law prohibits youths under 16 from working in certain hazardous agricultural operations unless they have an exemption certificate from a safety training course. Some of the hazardous jobs closed to youths without training are operating a tractor with more than 20-horsepower; working inside airtight produce- and grain-storage areas or silos; operating or assisting

with trenchers, forklifts, chain saws and other types of machines; and transporting passengers in vehicles on farm property.

Ron Jester, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension safety specialist, says 14- and 15-year-old farm workers can receive exemptions by completing this course.

"Although youths who work on their parents' farms don't need certificates, the course is recommended for all farm youth," he says. "Farming is a hazardous occupation even for experienced adults. Don't gamble by allowing youngsters to operate a tractor with a minimum of instruction and little or no experience. Safety

training and more supervision could do much to reduce the high accident rate in this age group."

The training program consists of a correspondence course and three formal classes. The final class will include written tests and a tractor-driving test. Classes will be held at night and the sites will be determined after applications are in.

To register call the county Extension office in Dover, (302) 697-4000; Georgetown, 856-7303; or Newark, 831-2506.

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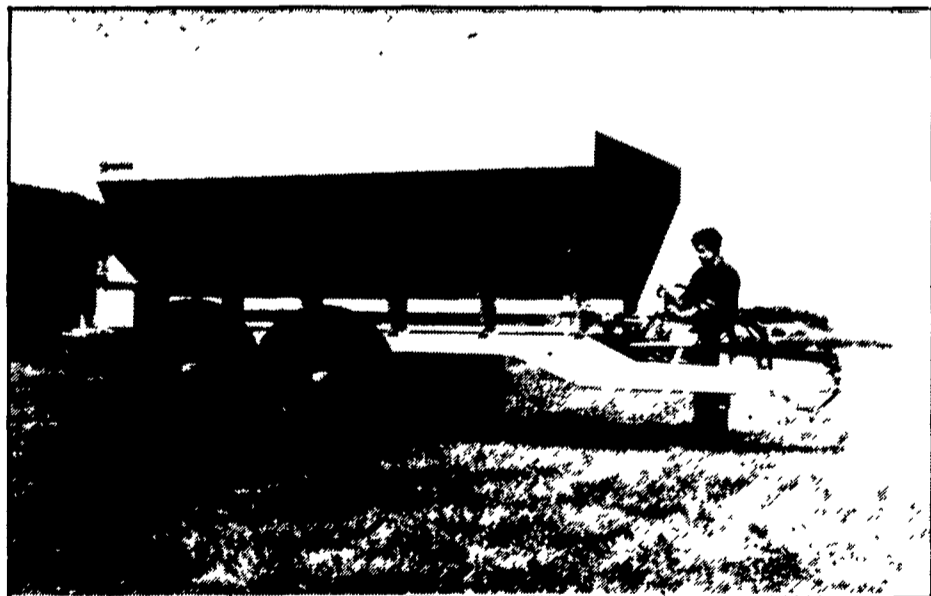
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