

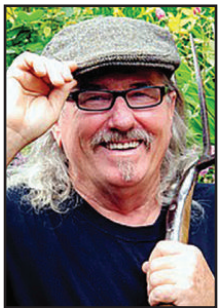
# This and that gardening brings joy

A little bit of this, a little bit of that... I just finished a new garden bed that is a nostalgic nod to my part-time home in northern England and the countless cottage gardens nearby which, because of the ‘rona pandemic, are far, far away right now.

Let me set this up. While an overall working landscape is a practical combination of function and aesthetics, smaller areas within should, like good stew, be jambalaya of ingredients from soil to flowers, artful accessories, and yes,

even the moods they evoke. No matter what style garden you prefer - suburban, formal, cottage, naturalistic, Japanese, xeriscape - or whether your personality is controlled or relaxed, shy or bold, public or private, general but fairly universal elements of garden design can work together for better gardens and satisfied gardeners.

Most of us start with the neat foundation approach promoted initially by garden clubs and now mandated by contractors to visually “tie down” new houses. To me



FELDER RUSHING

## Woman charged after she thought gun unloaded, shoots man

Associated Press

Police in northeast Mississippi have charged an 18-year-old woman with manslaughter, saying she accidentally shot and killed her roommate on Wednesday, because she didn’t realize a gun was loaded.

Aberdeen Police Chief Henry Randle said Amiyah Verner shot 26-year-old Robert Jackson at an apartment in Aberdeen, telling police she didn’t understand how the gun worked. Jackson died before paramedics arrived.

The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reports the 18-year-old Verner remained jailed without bail on Thursday, waiting to see a judge. It’s unclear if she has a lawyer to represent her.

Randle said that Verner thought there were no bullets in the gun because the magazine wasn’t inserted. However, there was a bullet in the chamber.

“That’s the round that killed the young man,” Randle said. “Freak accident, but we’ve still got a dead body.”

Verner, who is originally from Hamilton, had just moved in with Jackson, Randle said.

“It’s a sad situation because we’ve got two losses on both sides of the families,” he said. “I still think it’s important that people put guns up, and this is a prime example. Even though you’re of age, you still don’t properly know how to handle a gun.”



A slice of England in Mississippi.

they’re more or less bumpy green worms hugging houses, reminding me uncharitably of parsley around roasted pigs.

Visually, most foundation plantings disappear into the lines of the house; no matter our effort, very few passers-by actually notice anything other than maybe the door color or a flapping flag, Brutal, I know, but true.

So, aside from their practical uses like framing buildings, accenting entrances, providing shade and windbreaks, and ensuring safe egress, our starter trees, shrubs, lawns, and walks are mostly requisite yawners for real gardeners.

But this is the stepping off point for more earnest folks who love playing in their yards, where their creative garden pleasures kick in. We

start choosing plants for interesting shapes, seasonal flowers, foliage, and berries; changing the shape of the lawn with beds and groundcovers; planting along the property line and partway across the front by the street like a big arm hugging the property; filling pots with flowers; and adding artsy whimsies.

Other words, personalizing it. Most of us hide this in the back yard, leaving the public face to better fit in with neighbors.

There are exceptions to all this, of course. The uber-formals with their matching balanced and tightly pruned shrubs, the woodsy/wild-flowery naturalistics, those mixed planters who shove a lot of varied shrubs into flowing beds around everything, front yard veggie folk,

overdone yard-show mavericks I call determined independent gardeners (DIGrs), and more.

My tiny lot is a combination of ‘em all. I love my unruly wildflowers, but tone them down a bit with accents and a couple of shrubs pruned fastidiously into tight meatballs. Culinary herbs and veg dot flower beds and overflow big containers. Water gardens, fire places, round decks serving as ersatz lawn substitutes in my little garden, and arbors, all connected by meandering flagstone paths. Party lights, bottle trees, odd yard art, bird houses, possums and lizards. Other words, it’s a galimaufry, a hodgepodge of plants, materials and spaces. A messy mélange of smaller garden rooms fenced from the road and hidden from neighbors.

My newest stone-lined

bed, right outside my big window, though only about fifteen square feet, is an English-style cottage bed, a mishmash medley of carefully-pruned shrubs of strongly contrasting shapes, studded with two antique chimney pots, a small section of wattle fence woven with pruned crape myrtle shoots, a silvery gazing ball, and an overstuffing of mixed winter flowers including snapdragons, pansies, violas, dianthus, dusty miller, and iris foliage. And a hand-painted gnome rescued from a Lancashire recycling center.

Makes me smile, conjuring sweet biscuits, a brewed cuppa, and a sit in my swing. Does your garden do this?

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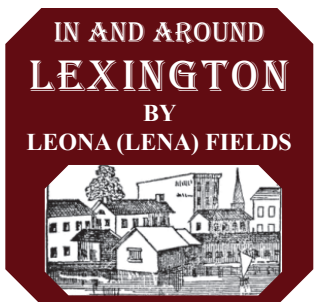
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Willie Wright and James Meekie have come out of their comas. Rev. Lenoria Meekie, Jr. told me Friday morning, November 6, his brother woke up on November 5. I talked to one of Willie’s cousins; he told me Saturday that Willie was out of the coma and could recognize his nephew Archie when he checks on him. These two men gives evidence the power of God and people’s prayers. So keep praying for all sick people.

Saturday, November 7, one of Mrs. Ethel Cobbins friends heard from her. She’s back in the hospital. Keep her in prayer.

I forgot, October was National Clergy Month. So I’m saying, “God Bless You” to all clergymen. How could I forget when I am a minister. But I know my mind is 72 years old (SMILE). Better late than never.

## LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
SARAH MARCH PLAINTIFF  
VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO:20-35 W JERRY BLAKES, DOROTHY DIXON, REGINA BLAKE, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF EVELEAN PATTON DEFENDANTS

**SUMMONS**  
(By Publication)  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HOLMES  
TO: JERRY BLAKES, DOROTHY DIXON, REGINA BLAKE, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF EVELEAN PATTON  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)  
YOU HAVE BEEN MADE DEFENDANTS IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY SARAH MARCH SEEKING TO PARTITE THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE NW ¼ OF SE¼ OF SECTION 24, T16N, R2E, HOLMES COUNTY, MS

You are Summoned to appear and defend against said Amended Complaint for Partition of Real Property and Other Relief filed against you in this action at 8:45 a.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, in Courtroom No. 3, in the Chancery Administrative Building, located at 146 W. Center Street, Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Complaint for Partition of Real Property and for Other Relief.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Charlie Luckett, Chancery Clerk  
Holmes County Chancery Court  
By: /s/ Charlie Luckett  
Chancery Clerk

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**

**-Holmes County Herald Staff**