

THE BUGGETTE



Bare in Mind by Dick Bare

Hi, everyone. This issue, I'm picking up where we left off last time – the fabulous trip to paradise Sharon and I took in January. After three days on the islands of Oahu and Maui, we took off for Hilo, on the big island of Hawaii.

Our bus tour of Hilo started with a visit to the Hilo Coffee Mill, a coffee plantation that brews the most heavenly smelling coffee. It's a working plantation on 24 acres of verdant farmland, with sweeping views of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, where we saw everything from the coffee-bean plants to the factory.

After the coffee plantation, our tour took us to Green Point Nursery – which can only be described as stunning. There we saw anthuriums, orchids, proteas and other tropical flowers and foliage plants of indescribable colors!

We finished the day at the must-see Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. In 1978, the founders, Dan and Pauline Lutkenhouse, purchased 17 acres of impenetrable tropical jungle with magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean and spent the next 6 years hand-clearing it to create winding trails and lush gardens. One philodendron leaf was so big it was almost as tall as Sharon! The Lutkenhouses later purchased an additional 20 acres and donated the entire 37 acres to the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden as a non-profit nature preserve.

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Do Your Part for the Team

We do our part to treat your lawn every 8 weeks or so. We alert you if there is an issue and treat it when necessary.

However, watering is the other part of this team effort. It's one of the most important tasks you are charged with as far as the health and color of your lawn are concerned. We can assist you in finding a company to install a sprinkler system if you don't have one. If you already have a system and need advice on how often to run it, we can help you with that too. Your lawn should get about 1" of water every week and this includes rain. Use a tuna fish can as a measuring tool.

When you water your lawn, place the tuna can on the area being watered. When the can is almost full, you've watered enough. This can make a critical difference in the color of your lawn, as well as in its resistance to disease. And if you're wondering why we continue to treat during a drought, your lawn is a living organism that needs nutrients and weed control even though it is going through a dry period.



Memorial Day Tribute

The Arbor-Nomics team and staff would like to honor and remember our fallen soldiers this Memorial Day. We appreciate the bravery, commitment and service of each member of the United States Armed Forces. We celebrate and honor their sacrifice and will be forever grateful. May the lives of those lost continue to be celebrated for many years to come.



3 Things to Remember During the Atlanta Heat

- 1 **Water:** Pay attention to hanging baskets and containers because they dry out more quickly with the warmer temperatures. Irrigate plants at dawn and dusk to reduce water loss from evaporation. As you make additions to your garden, you will need to water them more than established areas.
- 2 **Houseplants:** Place houseplants outside in a shady location so they can enjoy the fresh air and rejuvenate. Water regularly and feed with an all-purpose (20-20-20) water-soluble fertilizer to encourage growth.
- 3 **Mulch:** Apply extra pine straw or shredded bark mulch around newly planted trees and shrubs to better transition these plants into your garden. The extra mulch will reduce water loss and heat stress to the new roots.

Source: <http://www.southernliving.com/marketplace/garden-lawn-care-checklist>



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Check out our weekly pins for tips and information about your Atlanta lawn. Learn about tree and shrub care, weed control, gardening, and more. You'll even find unique ideas to spruce up your yard.

A Prayer to Share with Friends

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Reverend Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good." But that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, oh, God, and know our hearts today. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Amen!



The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

Please pass this prayer on to your friends. "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

Summer Bloom

Landscape and curb appeal is at its best when summer shrubs and plants are in full bloom. The variety of colors can brighten anyone's day and make them take a second look. Planting a beautiful array of summer flowers doesn't have to be hard. Some flowers – such as peonies, pincushions, blanket flowers and asters – require very little maintenance.

- The **peony** (*paeonia*) is a very long-lived perennial flower that forms 2-to-4-foot-tall clumps in shrub-like bunches. Its numerous varieties offer a wide range of colors in almost every shade except blue. Its blooming period is from late spring to early summer.
- **Pincushion flower** (*scabiosa*) serves up dainty blue perennial flowers all summer and into fall, making it one of the longest-lasting bloomers in the perennial bed. It likes sun or partial shade and is best at the front of the bed. The foot-tall variety 'Blue Butterfly' stands up to heat the best.
- **Blanket flower** (*gaillardia*) is a drought- and heat-tolerant perennial wildflower that provides long-lasting color in a sunny border with poor soil. In red, gold or brown, its daisy-like, 3-inch wide, single or double perennial flowers bloom through the summer and into the fall.



Application #3

What we did today to your lawn:

1. Different lawns have different needs:
 - **BERMUDA, FESCUE & ZOYSIA** lawns received a treatment of Arbor-Organics fertilizer. This fertilizer will provide nourishment to the grass plants until our next visit.
 - **BERMUDA, FESCUE & ZOYSIA** lawns received a blanket application of three kinds of herbicides for broadleaf weeds.
 - This time of year, brown patch fungus is active and causes havoc on **FESCUE** lawns. If you see brown circular patches, call our office to set up an inspection and quote for a fungicide application.
 - Cut **FESCUE** lawns at the highest setting on your mower. This will help to lower the soil temperature for this cool-season grass.
2. Some weeds, such as **Virginia Buttonweed, Nutsedge** and **Wild Violets**, are difficult to control and require an additional application. Please call our office to arrange for an inspection and quote.
3. **Gold** customers also received a **FREE Outdoor Pest Control** application.
4. **Platinum** customers also received a fungicide to prevent fungi, an application of Outdoor Pest Control and a nutsedge/grassy weed application as needed.

To your trees & shrubs: (ONLY for Gold & Platinum Customers)

1. Today we applied an insecticide to your trees and shrubs to help prevent bugs like lace bugs and aphids from settling into your trees and shrubs.
2. A fungicide was applied to control diseases like powdery mildew and leaf spot.

What you need to do until our next visit:

1. You don't need to collect clippings after mowing, as they "recycle" back into the soil and provide some extra nutrients. It is safe to mow once the application is dry.
2. Keep an eye out for **BROWN PATCH FUNGUS** on Fescue lawns.
3. Routine trimming will help your shrubs grow better.

If you have any questions concerning your lawn, trees, shrubs or our service, please call our Customer Service Department Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm at **770.447.6037**. If you call after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.

Please note that our office is extremely busy during the summer months and there are times when we will have to put you on hold. If you do not want to wait to speak with a Customer Service Representative, please email us your question/concern at info@arbor-nomics.com.



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Mowing Tips

Mowing the same day treatment is performed is no problem as long as any application that goes on wet has dried. It's also okay to mow after an application that goes on dry, even if you bag your clippings. While we recommend frequent mowing, we also recommend letting the clippings go back into the soil. It provides nutrients, shades the soil and helps maintain the thatch layer.

Here are some recommended mowing heights given by the UGA Center for Urban Agriculture.

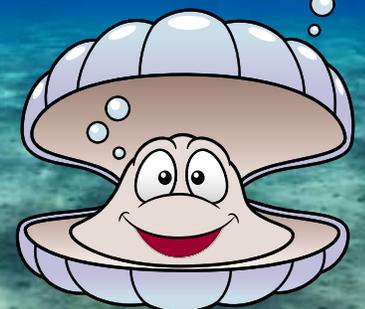
Mowing Height for Lawn Grasses in GA

Turf Type	Cutting Heights (in.)
Tall Fescue	Cut to the tallest height on your mower – 3" minimum.
Common Bermuda Grass	1 – 2
Hybrid Bermuda Grass	0.5 – 1.5
Zoysia Grass	0.5 – 1.5



Why don't oysters share their pearls?

Because they're shellfish.





Mokuaikaia Church

On Day 5 of our trip, we visited the city of Kailua-Kona, the first royal capital of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Within walking distance of the pier is the Mokuaikaia Church, the first Christian church in Hawaii, originally the home of the Hawaiian king. Mokuaikaia has several meanings. My favorite is "The trees are cut. Let's eat!" Nearby are a temple and a summer palace, which is welcoming and peaceful rather than a Biltmore-type place.

On Day 6, we did the Director's Cut tour on Kauai, a film director's paradise where a slew of romantic and exciting feature films and TV shows – over 60 – have been made since 1934. Some of the most famous include *South Pacific*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, the first three Jurassic Park movies, and the fourth Pirates of the Caribbean movie.

One of the most interesting stories on the Director's Cut tour was about Hervé Villechaize from the TV show "Fantasy Island." Remember that one? It starred Ricardo Montalban as Mr. Roarke and Villechaize as his sidekick, the diminutive Tattoo. Villechaize had his own house there, "the small house," with everything miniaturized for his size.

Born in Nazi-occupied France, Villechaize was raised there by his English mother and Filipino father. Bullied at school for his proportionate dwarfism, he found solace in painting and studied art at the prestigious Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, where he proved to be a gifted artist.

In 1964, he immigrated to the United States and lived in New York City, where he taught himself English by watching television and continued his career as an artist, painter and photographer. He later relocated to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. He was penniless and living out of his car, even after making several films, when in 1974 he got a huge break with a role in the James Bond movie *The Man with the Golden Gun*.

Then came "Fantasy Island." Though he was a hit with the public, he quarreled with the producers over his salary, which he thought should have equaled Montalban's. They eventually fired him. After his departure, viewership dwindled and the show was cancelled. He was right. He was the star.

Throughout his life, Villechaize endured enormous pain because his proportionate dwarfism crammed his normal-size internal organs into his small body. To breathe, he often slept in a kneeling position. Despondent over his health, he committed suicide in 1993. His ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean near San Pedro, California.

On Day 7, we explored the extraordinary beauty at Allerton and McBryde Gardens, a masterpiece of landscape architecture and garden art created by architect Robert Allerton in the early 20th century. Today it is one of the world's premier congressionally chartered botanical research organizations. Our guided tour of this once private estate included dramatic cliff-top views of the protected bay below. We strolled through outdoor garden rooms and saw rippling pools, fountains, dramatic sculptures and a secluded waterfall in a part of the gardens most visitors never see.



Heliconia 'Tropics'

Often described as a living work of art that delights visitors at every turn, Allerton Garden was named one of the top "50 must see" attractions in the world by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine.

The more remote McBryde Garden is home to over 6,000 rare and endangered species of plants collected from throughout the Pacific basin and the world.

After lunch, we went on a leisurely walk on a magical trail with very rare species of plants to an enchanted tropical rainforest with a backdrop of one of the most beautiful waterfalls on Kauai.

After the tour, we bought some videos and books to share with the kids and grandkids. I highly recommend *Jewels of Hawaii*, which has more than 90 stunning photographs of the trees and shrubs of McBryde Garden by Louise Tanguay, a native of Vancouver, Canada. Among them are the huge ficus trees that have aerial roots that rise up to ten feet above the ground! People gasp when they see these trees and shoot pictures of each other standing in the roots.



Ficus macrophylla, Moreton Bay figs

On Saturday, Day 8, we disembarked from our cruise ship back in Honolulu and took a shuttle to the airport, where we caught a plane to spend a few days on the island of Maui. We spent two hours getting through security and waiting to board the plane. Luckily, our flight took only 38 minutes.

In Maui, we picked up our rental car and headed to our hotel, the Hyatt Regency Maui in Lahaina. WOW! What a beautiful place! The lobby has no roof and is full of winding little rivers full of fish and other marine life.



Lahaina

The restaurant where we ate breakfast every day is on the edge of a pond with birds flying in and out and all sorts of exotic ducks, turtles and fish. Beyond its gorgeous landscaping is the Pacific Ocean, speckled with cruise and freighter ships, along with surfers and families playing in the surf. Every night the sunset was amazing.

One day, we went to a PGA Golf tournament at the Kapalua Bay Golf Club, surrounded by scenic mountains and the Pacific Ocean, with whales and porpoises jumping out of the water! Stunning! Out of all the islands, Maui was the prettiest.

So, how would we sum up Hawaii?

On the plus side, it's an incredible paradise, with some of the most beautiful beaches, surfer waves, flora and fauna, mountain ranges and sweeping valleys you will ever see. Also a lot of ukulele shops.

On the minus side, it's expensive and a long flight. Hens and roosters run wild almost everywhere and crow all day. So, stay in LA or San Fran for a few days on the way over, and bring your checkbook.