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Breast Cancer Awareness Dessert & Learn Events in October

October 2017 marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to help raise awareness in our region McLeod Health Cheraw is offering free women's education presentations at local public libraries in Cheraw and Bennettsville, SC. Come enjoy dessert and coffee as local physicians share the latest advancements in breast cancer detection, treatment and prevention.

The Cheraw event will take place at Matheson Public Library on Friday, October 6 at 2 p.m. The Bennettsville event will take place at Marian Wright Edelman Public Library on Friday, October 20 at 2 p.m.

To RSVP for these events and for more information, please call reservations and scheduling at 843-777-2005.

Grace Senior Center Offers 'A Matter of Balance' Class

Do you have concerns about falling? A Matter of Balance can reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. The Matter of Balance classes help participants learn to:

- view falls and fear of falling as controllable set realistic goals for increasing activity
- change their environment to reduce fall risk factors
- promote exercise to increase strength and balance
- The Matter of Balance class is designed to benefit community-dwelling older adults who: are concerned about falls
- have sustained a fall in the past
- restrict activities because of concerns about falling
- are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength
- are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem-solve

Grace Senior Center is offering A Matter of Balance managing concerns about falls. The class starts October 3 and runs through October 26. Classes will meet twice a week for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. Call Wanda Talbert at (704) 694-6616 to register or for additional information

If It Spells Your Name in Its Web...

This the time when people notice the spider "Argiope aurantia" in their yards. This spider is often called the "black and yellow garden spider" Why? Because it's not the black and yellow garden giraffe. Obviously, it is: a) a spider; b) black and yellow, and c) often seen building conspicuously large web near gardens. It's also commonly called the "writing spider" because the zig-zag pattern in the middle of the web supposedly looks like writing (presumably if you write like a two-year old!).

The spider's color and size (and web) are what usually grab people's attention as they work in their gardens. The female spider is large, reaching about 1.1/8" in body length. As with many spiders (and Tom Cruise), males are typically smaller than the

females (but don't jump on couches in front of Oprah). As the spiders become more conspicuous, we get that immediate wave of calls from inquiring minds:

 What spider is it? (see answer above).

 Is the spider dangerous? Yes...if you're a moth. Actually, they eat more than moths, basically feasting on whatever gets caught in its web. But, like most spiders, it is venomous which is how it subdues it's web-ensnared prey. The spider's body colors do not have some meaning that it is extremely poisonous or that it's more inclined to bite you. They're not going to leap off their web and go for your jugular while you're out pruning back your daylilies.

• What should I do about the spider? How about ignore it or throw a moth into the web (my apologies to you moth fanciers out there). It's just trying to make a living and more importantly it's most likely doing you a favor by eating things you don't want eating your garden.

For additional information, Steve Bambara, Extension Specialist with NC State University's Entomology Dept. has prepared a very informative web page about common spiders in the landscape. You can find it at insects.ncsu.edu. Submitted by Aimee Colf









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Anson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 3rd

Location: Lockhart-Taylor Center 514 North Washington Street • Wadesboro, NC

Time: Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting starts at 7 p.m..

Admission: **\$2 per person** We can only allow 2 people per membership. You must be present for your guest to come. *Please present your membership card at the door.

You will be electing officers, directors and delegates to the state convention.

We look forward to seeing you there. Ronnie Mills, President

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