

History & Memories of the Historic Hilton Village “Colony Inn”

Bill Lee, Warwick High School graduate, Class of 1954, is creating a history of this almost forgotten part of Historic Hilton Village. In addition to researching and writing about the place, he'd like to include some memories of people who attended functions there, or perhaps were even guests. He can be contacted by email at ssamerifan@aol.com (and requests that any messages include “Colony Inn” in the subject line) or by telephone at 704.296.0571. In hopes of helping you to remember, here's a couple pictures, circa 1927 he plans to use:



Caring for the Environment and Turf Management by Tom Joyce

The autumn routine of aeration and seeding of our lawns, applying fertilizers (both organic and synthetic) and generally trying to enhance our turf and landscape areas is winding down, so now we can just sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor Right? Unfortunately...NOT.

Now more than ever this is also the time to evaluate our actions and the impact they have on the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. There are many factors to consider when we begin or continue a program to maintain our lawns and landscape areas. What is the pH of the soil? Are all types of grass treated the same?

How should I address runoff and drainage issues? What is a safe yet effective amount nitrogen to apply and when? What do the other numbers on the bag of fertilizer mean? What about weed control? Use organic or synthetic? As you can see it is not as simple as going to the local hardware store or garden center and picking out some seed and fertilizer. We must consider our options and make informed choices. Each yard has different

microenvironments and varied nutrient requirements that need to be considered before applying anything. Sometimes doing nothing is the best option.

Consult an experienced horticulturist with a background in nutrient management and turf care before starting any treatment on your landscape. It is our responsibility to protect the environment for all future generations.

Mr. Joyce is a resident of Hilton Village as well as a horticulturist and turf manager with over 30 years experience in all facets of the green industry. He is currently working for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Along with Sandy Dekker, he is responsible for the design, installation and maintenance of The Renaissance Garden at Retro Plaza at the corner of Main and Piez. If you have any questions about water wise gardening and/or how you can better manage your landscape, contact Tom via email: youryardbeautiful@yahoo.com Mr. Joyce is also available for speaking engagements and consultations on nutrient management and landscaping.

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