

LMGA Funny Story Contest Winners

First Time dummy

By **Sandy Stephan**

Shortly after taking the MG class, my neighbor asked me if I could identify a lovely tree he had spotted from which he had taken a small branch with leaves and a "fruit"nut. I looked it up feeling all knowledgeable but could not be sure so I suggested he and I open the nut and taste it----NEVER DO THAT!!! I found out it was a Tung Oil tree with a poisonous nut---- I was the foolish nut. ;-) sandy (PS no ill affects thank goodness)

Anne's Tree

By **Pete Godbey**

It was a bright and sunny day and I was catching up on e-mail when the phone rang. It was Anne. She had obtained the coveted large English boxwood shrubs that she had her neighbor the landscape designer searching for weeks to obtain. Completing the boxwood alley had been her dream for years and now the only thing standing



in her way was an American Holly, a twenty-foot tall tree. I carefully took out the Holly only to find the poor thing still had roots incased in the metal ball wrap, but otherwise in good condition. As I prepared holes for the boxwoods, Anne was on the phone, but called to me to stop planting. Her neighbor had not intended the boxwoods for her. Hum! All of that labor, but I could not very well put the tree back into the ground. The holly extended well into the street from the bed of my pick up truck and would not go far without becoming an impediment to traffic crossing Carteret Street even with the red flag placed on the top of the tree. Hum! The City of Beaufort was replanting grass in the small park just a few houses away. So in two minutes flat there was a hole, tree in hole, and soil over roots with water. I returned to Anne's porch for well-deserved ice water. Problem solved and tree rescued.

P.S. I have the photo of the tree next to my truck as proof. Oh and it still has the red flag on top!