



Accidental Horticulturist

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History

- Dad: Textile mill family, His parents from subsistence Foothills farms in WNC
- Mother: Father farmed tobacco
- Dad: Navy Mom: Teacher
- Childhood: Victory Gardenesque /Grandparents
- Mother liked “flowers”
- Children always had our own flower bed
- Father retired to “drive a tractor” and golf
- College: Forestry, switched quickly to Horticulture
- Double Major: Ag Economics
- Series of College Jobs/Summer internships in Horticulture/Ag Business (including Monsanto, Northrup King Seed Co.)



Skills

- Public Speaking
- Networking
- Facilitation
- Organization/Planning
- Ideation
- Creativity
- Running meetings
- Budgeting/Excel
- Quick to “get it” and use that in a situation
- Natural Consultant



Opportunities to improve

- ENTJ
- Analytic/Strategic/Importance/
Learning/Ideaphoria
- Politics
- Empathetic, but not
necessarily PC
- Focus on the leading side of
bell curve
- Rules
- Regulations
- Reading legislation
- Memory for details is poor
- Collaborative/Consultative



Career: Ball Publishing

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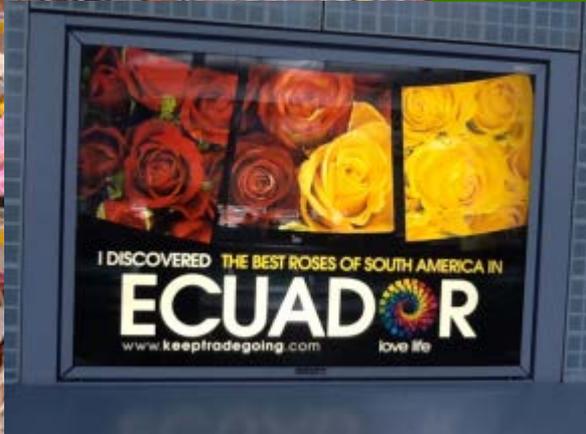
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Mentors(Mentoring)

- Vic Ball Rule of 2
- Monty Wright Business Dinners
- Ed Gaines (husband) Finishing School
- Ad Hoc mentors
- Ad Hoc mentoring
- The process is very instructional



Realizations

- The world is run by the people who show up.
- People gravitate toward what they already know and feel comfortable with.
- All the world's problems can be solved through listening and contemplating the issue on your own and with others.
- Most people in government are there (at least in the beginning) because they want to do the right thing.
- People trump Money (Larry Wooten).



My Real Job

- Making it safe...
- For ideas, information...
- Communicating what's happening in a way that allows others to hear it and take action.



The Toolkit

