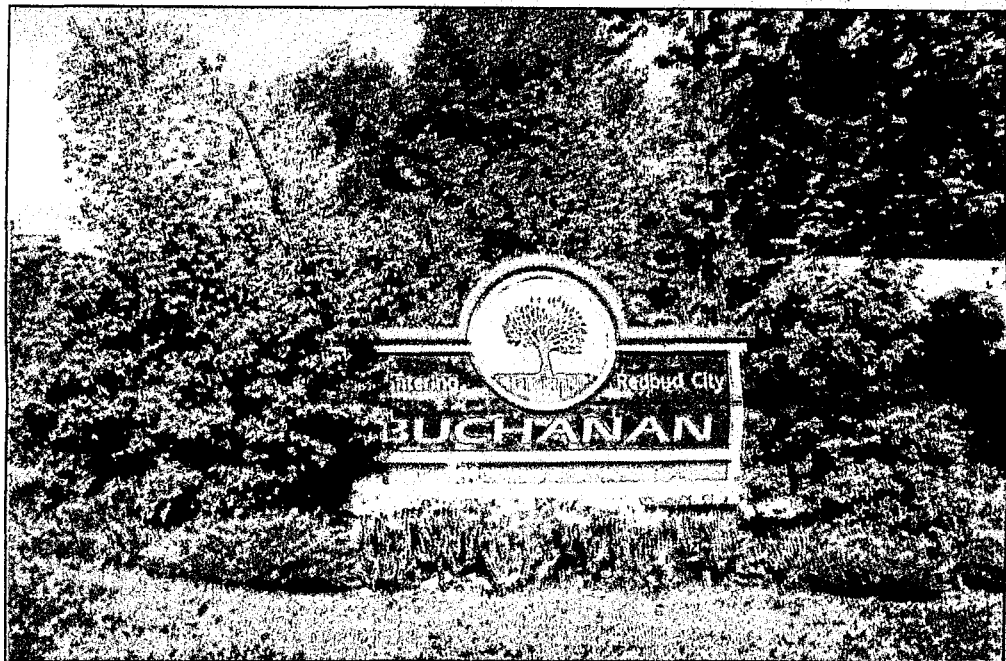


Buchanan in Bloom Garden Tour

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Saturday, June 10, 1995

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(Rain Date June 11, 1995)

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Buchanan's beauty at its finest Buchanan In Bloom events

The world around us is exploding with the sights and smells of summer gardens and thanks to the Buchanan Garden Club, we can experience the beauty of gardening first hand as they present the Buchanan in Bloom Garden Tour.

Always a popular event, the group has many activities planned to make the tour a time to be remembered. Following is a list of events that are scheduled. Remember too that tickets and maps to the gardens and activities are at the Welcome Center, located at Buchanan's Old City Hall, on the corner of Front and Oak Streets, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on tour day. The numbered program corresponds with the map that will be provided.

Also an option to driving the route is a 20 passenger shuttle bus which will be traveling between all the gardens. The route will begin at the Welcome Center on the half hour for gardens #1 through #8.

GUIDED MORNING NATURE WALK

An opportunity to visit a preserved wetland habitat and observe unique wildflowers and semi-aquatic plants at Buchanan's Mud Lake Bog, from a raised observation platform and floating walkway.

Naturalists pat Underwood of Love Creek and Wendy Jones of Fernwood will be your guides. Group leaves the parking lot entrance at 9 a.m. for a 45 minute tour. West Elm Valley Road at Wells Road. No ticket required. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Delicious, world famous F.S. Carbon Malted Pancakes and sausage will be on the menu, prepared and hosted by Carbon's volunteer employees, served under the tent in McCoy Pond Park, Redbud and Front Streets. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CANDY CART

With your tour ticket, receive a gourmet lollipop to enjoy with the compliments of Buchanan's renowned Quick's Candies. Next to the Welcome Center, Front and Oak Streets. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW

Exhibits of horticulture and floral designs. The Best in Show blue ribbon winners will be determined by peoples' choice. Go in and vote for your favorite entry. Buchanan Public Library, 117 West Front Street. No ticket required. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library sponsor this annual event. Good used and new childrens' scholastic books for sale on the lawn. 117 West Front Street. No ticket required. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

U.S. POST OFFICE ART

An exhibit of original horticultural stamp art on loan by special arrangement with the U.S. Post Office archives in Washington D.C.

Be sure to save time for these seldom seen treasures. Special thanks to Postmaster Patricia Walston and fellow employees of the Buchanan Post Office. 112 West Front Street. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Plants from our members' gardens will be available at modest prices. Adjacent to garden #2 on the front lawn, 430 Moccasin Street. Go early for the best selection. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COMPLIMENTARY SOFT DRINKS

Hardee's of Buchanan offers all thirsty tourists a free medium sized soft drink. Present your ticket. 813 East Front Street. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FLOWER POT LUNCH

The Buchanan Activities Council will assure you have a delightful and quickly served "prix fixe" lunch - plan to enjoy it during the concert. Under the tent at McCoy Pond Park, Redbud and Front Streets. Pay at counter. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

The 60 member Southshore Concert Band will present a program of popular music, sponsored by the Buchanan Activities Council. Plan to have lunch on the lawn while enjoying this acclaimed ensemble. McCoy Pond Park, Redbud and Front Streets. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Buchanan Garden Club is grateful to all our gardeners, the City of Buchanan, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, F.S. Carbon Co., the Buchanan Activities Council, Dial-A-Ride, Quick's Candy, and the people of this community for their generous support of this event. All proceeds will benefit the Buchanan Commons Project and the beautification of our city.

RAIN DATE

A light drizzle or intermittent showers will not stop the tour.

The alternate rain date of Sunday, June 11, will be enacted only if steady rain threatens safety and comfort.

ADVANCE TICKETS

Tickets for the garden tour are available at the following locations:

Buchanan Floral, 516 West Front Street

The Garden Gate, 4796 Niles-Buchanan Road

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Buchanan Garden Club grows with time

For 41 years, the Buchanan Garden Club has helped create a more beautiful community. It all started in 1954 when Barney Gleason presented a program on roses at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Witt. Mrs. Robert Groat was co-hostess. These two founding members still remain active in the club, serving in many capacities over the years, including president.

The club quickly grew to 30 members and in 1956, with Mrs. John Zieder as president, voted to join the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. They were granted charter number 27. In 1990, the club welcomed its first male member. There are 200 Federated Garden Clubs in Michigan.

Over the years, the Buchanan Garden Club has contributed funds to support state and university scholarships, Loda Lake and Grass Bay conservancies, the Botanic Gardens at Michigan State University, Fernwood Botanic Gardens, Mud Lake Bog and Spafford Woods.

Club members' interests in horticulture vary. Specifically, some enjoy herbs, roses, topiary, bonsai, master gardening, birds, butterflies, flower arranging, wildflowers, dried flowers, composting, vegetables, flower show judges' school, bulbs, and dahlias. However, the main focus remains on education, beautification, and conservation of natural resources.

All these interests keep club members busy as they participate in many activities throughout the year. Mass spring and fall plantings, Arbor Day commemoration, cleaning litter from U.S. 31 entrance and exit ramps, holiday

decorations for public buildings, library floral displays and encouraging all homeowners and businesses to grow plants on their property are emphasized.

When Buchanan was named a "Clean Michigan City" by the Department of Natural Resources, the garden club was pleased that so many residents responded positively to recycling and limiting waste.

The Buchanan Garden Club has received many special awards from the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan including those for a standard flower show, membership and club yearbook.

In 1990, the club was honored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs for its yearbook of club meetings, programs and projects. This was the first time since the Federated Garden Club of Michigan's founding in 1931 that a state club was honored.

On May 11, 1993, it was announced that the club was awarded the federation's Landscape Critics Council's honor for Michigan's finest landscape tour or garden walk in 1992 for "Buchanan in Bloom."

The award was based on organization, educational value and quality of gardens presented. The \$100 cash prize was donated to the federation's foundation for scholarships.

All Buchanan area residents are encouraged to join the club.

Provisions are made for employed members who are unable to attend regularly. For those who support the club's goals, but are unable to formally join the organization, contributions and memorials are accepted. All funds will be used solely for beautification.



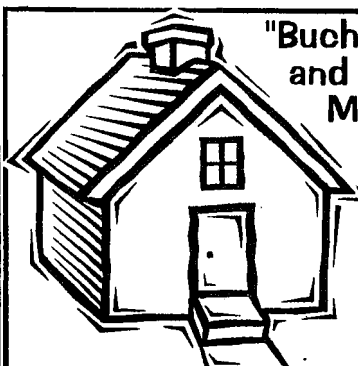
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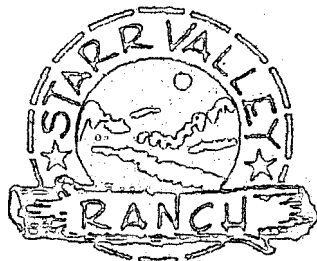


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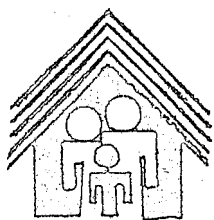
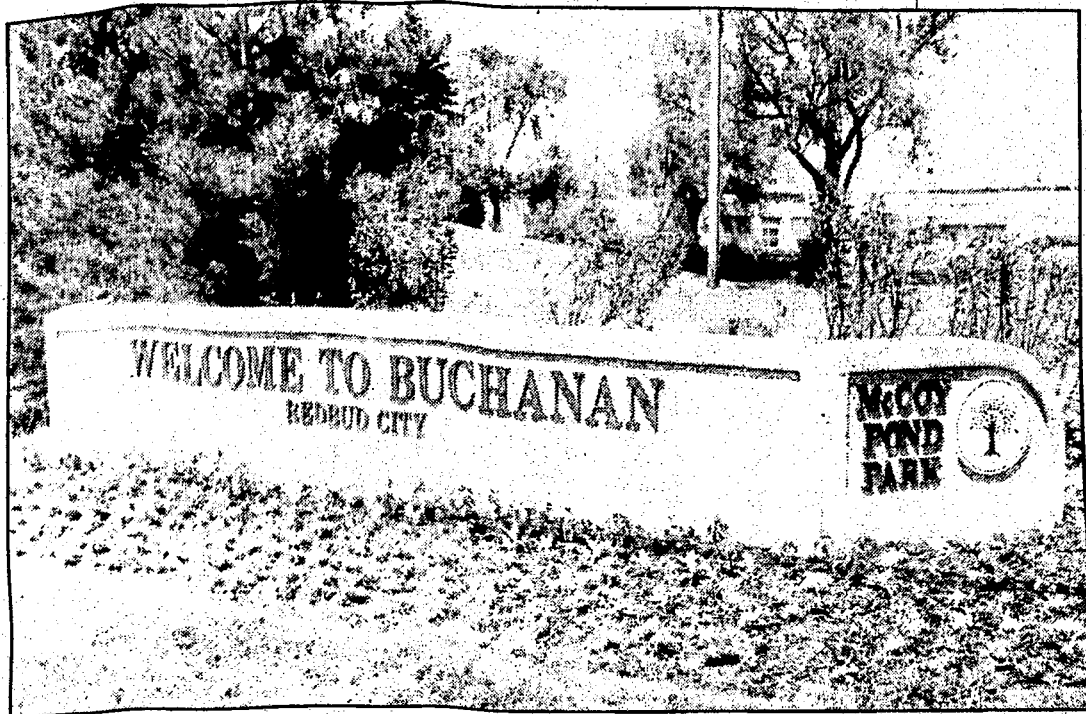
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DICK & MAE PROUD #1 311 MOCCASIN ST.

With the existing conditions of a narrow city lot, virtual shade, and much of the rear area taken up by a cottage, these gardeners deftly integrated these constraining factors into delightful facets of their landscape.

Although the Prouds were avid successful gardeners, their former property was in full sun; so the present situation of a full canopy of trees and masses of roots do not allow the vegetables

and well loved flowers of the past to exist with the exception of a few roses placed in strategic sunny spots, including a cutting from Mr. Proud's mother's favorite - "The Fairy." By the addition of a glassed atrium, decking, generous plantings of newly appreciated hostas and astilbe, well placed paths and a small fish pool, seclusion and the illusion of a much larger space has been created. These gardeners fertilize regularly, but Mr. Proud re-

lates that a popular "miracle grower" has not performed many miracles so far; and he has begun composting. Pillaging squirrels have now trained him to feed them by hand and many skunks have been entertained in traps to be relocated elsewhere. Dick and Mae spend every available

hour in their garden in the spring, but by summer the lure of the golf course begins to outweigh even the joys of gardening.

JIM & BONNIE BROHMAN #2 426 MOCCASIN ST.

The love of gardening was nurtured by both Jim and Bonnie's grandfathers. She is of Dutch heritage and cites this reason for her preference for spring bulbs but can remember, as a novice, planting bulbs upside down! Since moving to this home in 1993, the Brohman's have striven to make gardening a happy activity that allows the whole family to participate. Bonnie's greatest enjoyment is plan-

ning the garden for a well ordered look with uniform rows and smooth transitions in the predominantly annual plantings. Raised beds surround charming old-fashioned features of a windmill, birdbath and gazing ball. Various containers are planted for eye catching color. This family is fond of hummingbirds and has placed feeders and a trumpet vine to attract them. Jim names marigolds as a favorite

and prefers starting these from seed. He likes some 'disorder' in beds so he and Bonnie divide work as weeding, watering and fertilizing are carried out with regularity so vigorous large blooms are the result. Perennials are now being added to enlarge beds and cut down on planting time. After many compliments last season, the Brohman's say they are "spurred on to do even better this year!"



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- ◆ Consider low voltage lighting. One popular choice is 12 volt lighting, as it uses less electricity than 110 and is safe outdoors. Many systems work with a light sensor or timer, turning on and off automatically in response to light conditions.
- ◆ Think in terms of subtle highlights, rather than bright, widespread lighting.

A few lights placed sparingly around your lawn or garden will bring out the best in your landscape.

On The Cutting Edge

"On the Cutting Edge" is the title of a colorful new leaflet available now through Member Services. Everyone attending the national convention received a copy. This is a valuable promotional tool for garden club use in membership recruitment and promotion. Use it to inform the public about garden club environmental, educational, and cultural activities. Proclaim loud and clear that "Today's Garden Club is on the Cutting Edge for Action." Free.

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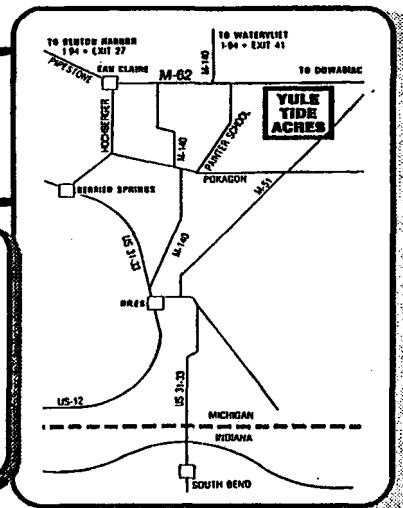
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MR. & MRS. JAMES KING #3 409 REMUS DRIVE

First presented in 1992, this property is making an encore appearance on the tour affording the opportunity to observe two gardening tenets: that a gardener's life is one of growth and change and those with gardens are always eyeing a new place to dig. With the addition of a new room to the residence on the former covered patio area, these ambitious dedicated gardeners recycled the building materials into a bathhouse and tool shed, while adding several new beds, a water feature, and relandscaped the front entrance plantings. The Kings find they are now buying fewer annuals as their perennials mature and are divided, yet still find themselves moving plants as they become more familiar with individual habits and growth patterns. Mrs. King now numbers campanula and portulaca among her favorites. During the week 5 to 6 hours are spent in the garden. Mr. King still does most of the heavy work, but Mrs. King has become very friendly with the rototiller. A sprinkling system is planned to cut down on watering chores. The battle with stubborn crabgrass continues, forcing the use of chemical control for a few more seasons. These gardeners relish the peaceful early morning hours in their garden. Mrs. King, president of the Buchanan Garden Club, says "time to garden is another reward for years of being a mother."

MR. & MRS. LOUIS DESENBERG #4 609 RIVER STREET

Having a mature long-established landscape, with lovely views of the St. Joseph River, and after many seasons of creating and maintaining now behind them, this couple suffered no guilt pangs when removing four very large flower beds three years ago; last year they demolished a swimming pool. As experienced gardeners, they understand that plantings and features too large or difficult to maintain when interests and lifestyles change, are no longer giving pleasures, should be dealt with accordingly. Tree planting continues every year to provide for the future, adding desired specimens. Redbuds are especially enjoyed, and coaxing of the difficult dogwood to full bloom is a particular accomplishment. Brick walks surround the residence and patio area containing perennials and ground covers. Mrs. Desenberg is fond of changing her mind, often moving whole planting areas. Mr. Desenberg entertains all whims and carries out the construction phases. Most weekends find both engaged in some maintenance activity and this summer's big project is the open sunny site of the former pool. No decisions are final, but stay tuned! A small water garden is being considered, or the area may well involve Mrs. Desenberg's favorite iris and hosta as well as Mr. Desenberg's choice tree peonies.

JIM & MARY JO CONVERSE 3212 RIVERSIDE #5

Beginning with one small strip of perennials, this garden has grown and burgeoned along with the Converses' enjoyment of their favorite bobby. Taking their cues from the contours of their property, three separate areas were defined. The flat full sun front lawn was dominated by a swimming pool surrounded by a tall chain link fence. This has been turned into a major asset by training and clipping euonymous to a formal hedge that now is a classic background for the deep old-fashioned cottage styled beds that include Mary Jo's favorites of poppy, hollyhock and foxglove. On the slope overlooking the St. Joseph River a shade and wildflower garden is developing. Weeds, poor soil and roots have proved an obstacle here, yet these gardeners are patient and persistent, knowing bed preparation is the key for success. (Mary Jo cautions: walking through areas treated with weed killer then leaving a trail of dead grass footprints is not a good idea.) Taking advantage of the steep incline, Jim constructed a stepped rock pool leading to his special project, a symmetrical herb garden surrounded by gravel paths. Even the difficult river embankment has not been overlooked. A terraced bed, beyond view from the back lawn, is placed for the enjoyment of passing boaters!



Doris Hanlin and Nan Groat of the Buchanan Garden Club, are filling in planters along Front Street.

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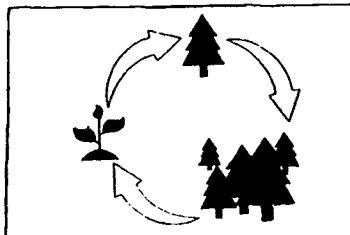
DICK & SHARON BUTLER #6 4747 WOODSIDE

In their second experience with the well known rigors of construction, the Butlers faced the all too familiar circumstances of a brand new home on a subdivided lot without a single scrap of paper that would show where the boundaries were and how they should be marked and located. Thus by a hasty decision and leisurely regrets, this second season landscape is already a pleasing attraction. This "did it themselves" couple say their plan was to keep the grounds in perspective to the house design, and how the property would appear from the street. The Butlers thought ahead, choosing for foliage color, complementary textures, and interesting forms.

Most importantly, this plan is successful in the concepts of rhythm and proportion. The viewer's eye is never jarred from

**MS. YVONNE SHAW
MR. MARCELO ORTIZ
16736 HURON DRIVE
#8**

Having inherited a green thumb from her mother and grandmother, Yvonne's natural talents are evident in a property designed with this busy couple's available time always in mind. Situated on a small private lake, the garden seems a cool oasis even on the hottest summer days and offers delightful views of the water and wildlife year 'round. In the last 4 years this property has been transformed to a harmonious blend of conifers for privacy, numerous beds, foundation plantings, specimen trees and raised beds of shrubs, perennials and roses along the drive to the front entrance, where seasonal doorway displays always welcome visitors. Yvonne feels her biggest gardening mistake was believing a weedless blue-green carpet of lawn was a necessity, thus requiring the use of chemicals. Since her environmental awakening, fertilizers are used only when necessary. Weeding and maintenance chores in established areas are down to 6 hours a week due to the use of hardwood mulch and a computerized watering system. Although Mr. Ortiz is in the landscape business, he does not fit the old adage! - his interest and free time spent in the garden or on new projects are hours willingly given for enjoyment, singing while he toils.



spot to spot; the residence and plantings are seen in smooth accord. The chosen specimens will not, in the near future, grow and overtake their boundaries. Dick reports that this project was tall order. The new lawn was planted then heavy rain began, and 35 bags of straw were needed to hold the seed for germination. With over 20 years of gardening experience, the Butlers know the importance of watering and care in a landscape planting's first year - they have never lost a tree or shrub yet!

ED & DOROTHY OLECHNOWICZ #7 16553 WILSON LANE

With a life long interest in growing, Dorothy became a Master Gardener in 1990. Her study and knowledge is put to the test in unique challenges. Their back garden is an island surrounded by a creek, and only 4 to 6 inches above the natural water level. The couple envision their garden's future as a sanctuary for birds and wildlife, planning accordingly for needed trees, shrubs and grasses that bear fruit

and seeds. Dorothy names high bush blueberry as her preferred plant for its beauty and usefulness. Over the past 5 years many hours of hard labor were needed to clear brush, remove or sink old dead trees and fill in low areas with yard debris. Then, separate distinct areas were defined and natural areas planted with wildflowers. Ed carries out heavier chores while Dorothy plans for constant color

through the seasons, planting for success by being mindful of the individual wet, rocky and sandy areas of their property. Roses are one desired plant that has not yet found contentment in this garden, but will continue to be tried. The Olechnowiczs say their greatest gardening pleasure is observing the constant cycle of renewal of life and the complex harmony of nature amid their private island refuge.

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Absolutely no experience is required to join a federated garden club, just a desire to learn more about gardening. Not only will you develop new skills and learn new ideas and gardening techniques, but you will be making new friends and joining a state-wide network of gardeners.

The garden clubs also sponsor a variety of educational programs, including flower schools, landscape design courses, gardening study courses and wildlife and conservation conferences.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in March of 1931. It is made up of 6,800 members, organized in seven geographical districts. The state organization is a member of the Central Region of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, the largest non-profit gardening organization in the world.

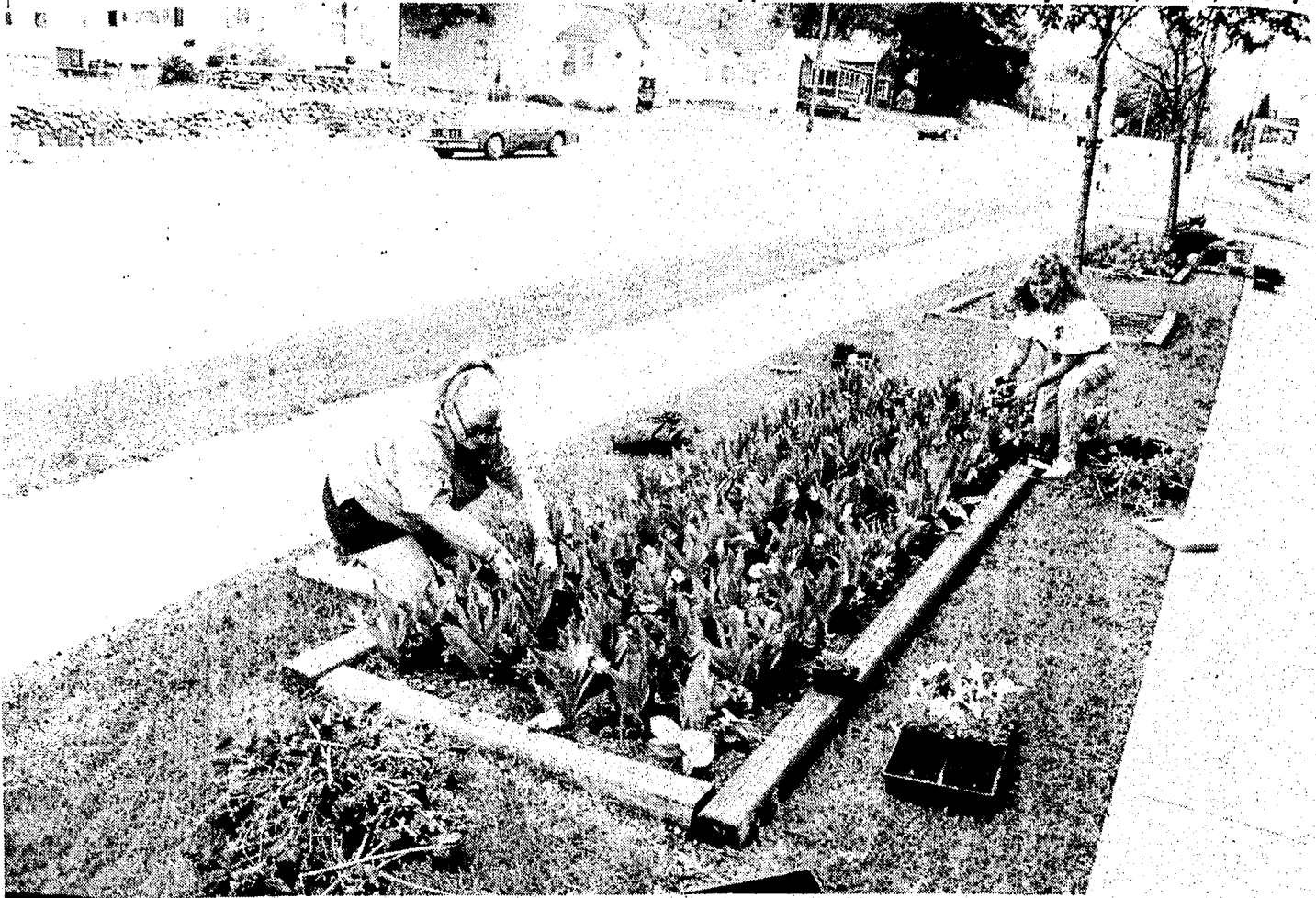
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- * Creating, promoting and furthering interest in horticulture, gardening, floral and landscape design, birding and butterfly conservation, wild flower plantings and the appreciation of the natural beauties of the state of Michigan.


- * Assisting in projects for the conservation of Michigan's natural resources.

- * Coordination and centralizing the work of affiliated groups and bringing them into a close and sharing relationship to one another.

- * Networking with other state agencies with similar interests.



These members of the Buchanan Garden Club were pictured as they were putting flowers in the planters in front of Buchanan's City Hall. (Photo by Don Holmes)



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The African violet is America's most popular and often its most frustrating houseplant. How many times have you bought an African violet in full, glorious bloom, watched the blooms die, and then waited weeks, months, even years, gnashing your teeth because no new blooms appeared?

Well, you're not alone. It happens to lots of us. That's the bad news.

The good news is that by following these few simple tips, you'll be amazed to find that your violets will be in bloom almost year-round for years and years.

Whether you have a pink, purple or white violet, whether its leaves are mottled or plain, ruffled or straight, the care of your African violets is always the same: somewhat demanding.

Your road down the garden path to success with African violets begins with purchasing the plant at a nearby nursery or garden center, rather than local supermarket. The quality of the nursery plants will usually be quite better. (Before completing your purchase, scrutinize the plant very carefully to make sure there are no bugs on any of the leaves or stems.)

The reason most people have trouble getting their violets to bloom is they're not giving the plant enough light. So when you bring your plant home, find a good, bright spot where the plant will get lots of diffused sunlight. The best location for an African violet is either a sunny windowsill with a western exposure, or under artificial light.

Violets should be watered from the bottom so place the plants in trays filled with about an inch of water. The top of the soil should be moist to the touch. Add a few drops of high-quality liquid fertilizer, such as Miracle-Gro, to the watering can each time you water. This method of fertilizing, called the "constant feed" method, was developed by greenhouse growers. African violets can grow quite successfully under artificial light; in fact, many professional growers prefer this method. But for most, the kitchen windowsill is the spot of choice.

An important "trick" in growing lush, vibrant violets is to unpot your plant, slice off about an inch from the bottom of the root system, soil and all, put an inch of perlite or sponge rock in the bottom of the pot, then replace the plant in the pot. This potting method, known as "the Texas style," helps prevent death from over-watering by

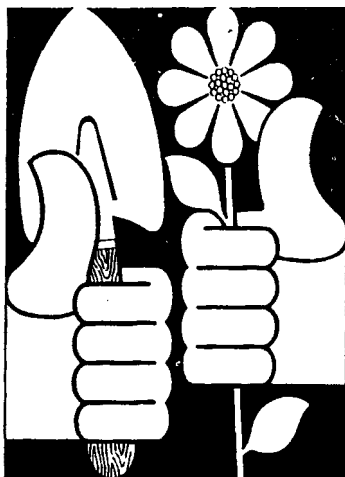
allowing excess water to evaporate, thus not drowning the violet's fine, fibrous root system. It also provides the root system with vital extra oxygen. Wait until the soil dries out before watering again.

Contrary to popular belief, African violets love to have spray baths, which keep them clean and increase the humidity around the plant. Just make sure to spray lukewarm water, as cold water will leave spots on the plant's tuzzy leaves.

Another problem many growers encounter is allowing "suckers," or new plantlets, to develop in the crown of the plant. These suckers get packed in so tightly that light can't get to the center of the plant, so pick or snip out the suckers as they develop. The additional light this provides is important to keep your violet blooming.

Try to keep the humidity as high as possible around your violets and make sure there's proper circulation.

Once you set up just the right environment for your African violets, you'll be rewarded with beautiful blooms all year long. (1994-95)



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doorstep. In the *Wildflower Field Guide*, Carol Ann Campbell, a naturalist, accompanies budding botanists out into the field as they hunt for common wildflowers. With field notes that provide each species' history, average height, habitat and blooming time, kids start the search. Using the guide's full color illustrations and a bit of detective work, they identify and classify the flowers they've found. Along the way, kids learn how plants take care of themselves, the role they play in meals and medicine and why some open at sunrise while others wait for evening

Once they've collected fresh wildflowers, kids dry their catch in the sturdy Wildflower Press and can preserve them in a record book called a herbarium or use them to create greeting cards, stationary and other imaginative crafts.

After a few forages through the neighborhood, kids may know more botany than many weekend gardeners. Perhaps a summer of collecting will grow into a lifelong passion for nature -- or at least a new appreciation of science class. *The Wildflower Field Guide And Press* is available at local bookstores. (1994) 1122



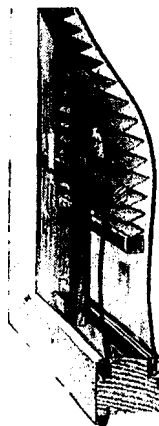
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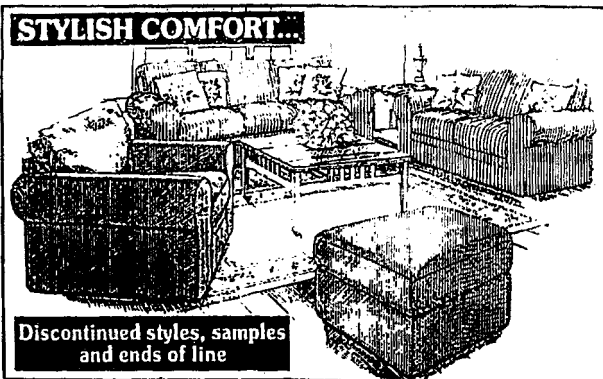
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Early summer is time to multiply mums

EAST LANSING—Early summer is the time to divide established chrysanthemums or start new plants from cuttings.

"If you don't have mums in your garden, you can start with potted plants from local nurseries," says Mary McLellan, Master Gardener coordinator at Michigan State University.



Planting shoots or divisions in groups of three will give you larger masses of color the first year, McLellan suggests. You can always divide the clumps again the next spring if they need more room to grow.

For compact, bushy plants and lots of flowers, pinch mums beginning when new shoots are 7 to 9 inches long. Pinching — removing the tips of the shoots — causes them to branch and grow bushy rather than vertically.

Stop pinching around July 4 in mid-Michigan, McLellan advises. Late pinching may delay blooming or even prevent it if cold weather comes early, she explains.

Summer care for mums includes mulching for weed control and moisture retention, watering and staking tall plants.

Mums have shallow roots, McLellan notes, and they dry out quickly in hot, windy weather. Mulching keeps roots cool and moist with less watering. Apply 2 to 3 inches of peat moss, compost, straw or other suitable material to a weed-free bed to reduce the need for weeding and watering.

Plants started from cuttings or divisions of established plants should flower in the fall, she says. If you want them to become a permanent part of your garden, be sure to buy mums that are hardy in Michigan. Many florists' mums will not survive a typical Michigan winter outdoors, she notes.

To divide established plants, lift the clumps from the soil when the new growth is about 4 inches high and after the danger of frost is past. Remove shoots from the outside of the clump, making sure each shoot has a sizable portion of roots.

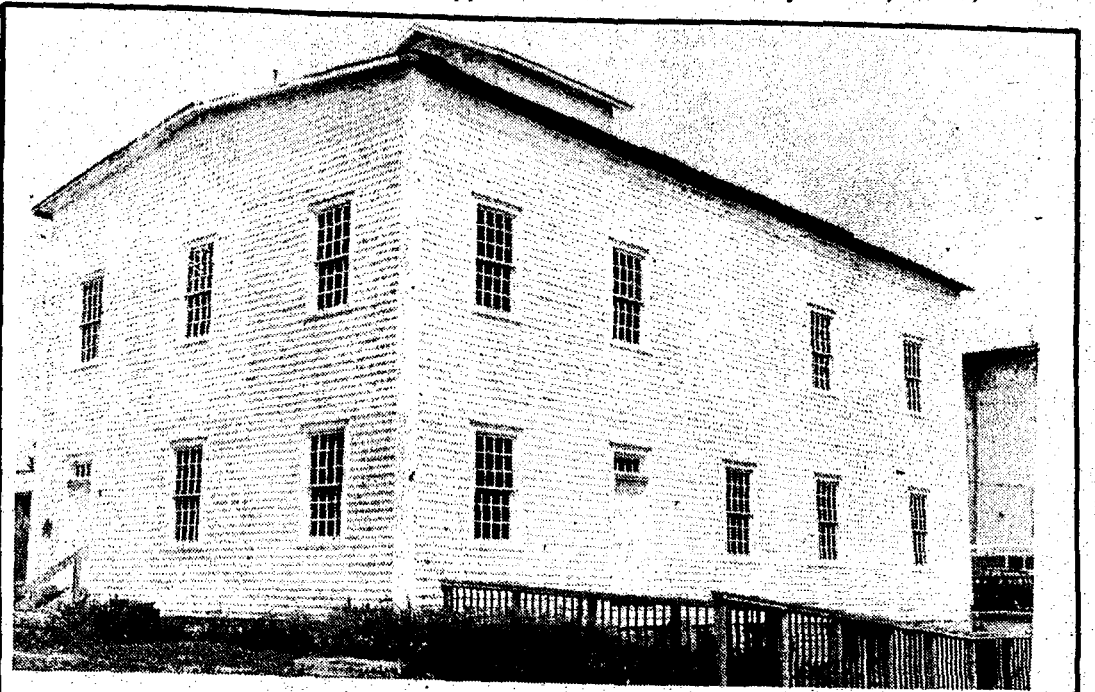
Set the divisions into prepared beds with the growing tip of each division just above the ground level.

"Mums will grow in a variety of soil types," McLellan says, "but excellent drainage is essential."

The ideal location has rich soil with a fair amount of organic matter, and full sun. Some protection against winter winds is also beneficial.

Space tall, spreading varieties 18 to 24 inches apart and the shorter, more compact varieties 12 inches apart.

To multiply mums from cuttings, wait until shoots reach 8 to 10 inches high, then remove the upper 3 inches of each shoot with a sharp knife or nippers. Trim off the lower leaves and insert the cut ends of the shoots in a container of moist sand, vermiculite or a commercial peat-perlite mixture. Place cuttings where they'll receive bright light, high humidity and warm temperatures — 70 degrees F or warmer. It should take cuttings two to three weeks to establish good roots. They can then be transplanted into pots or into the garden.



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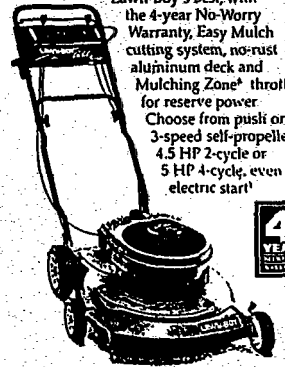


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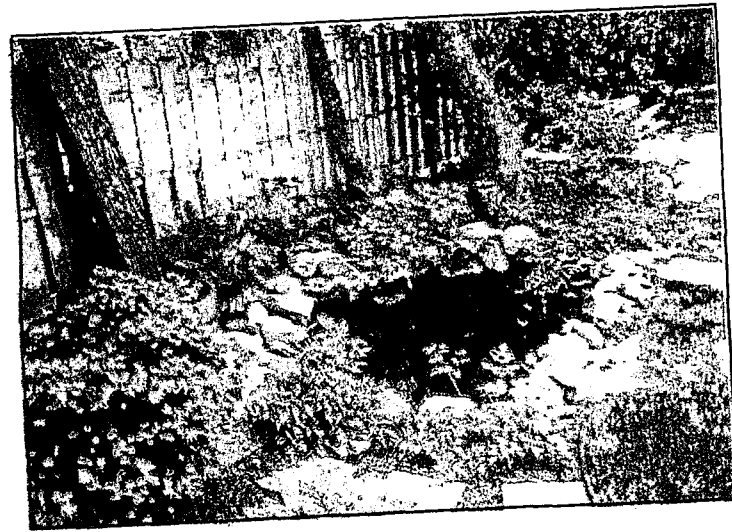
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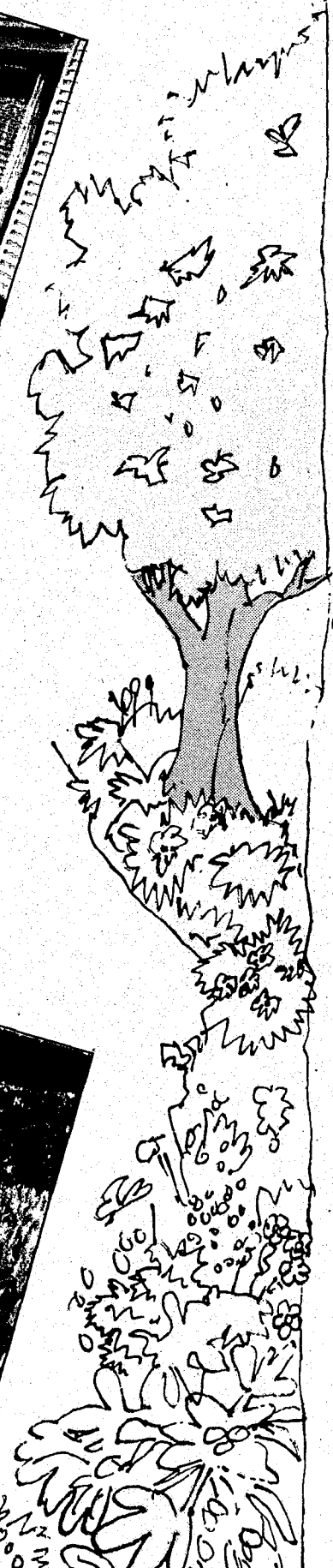
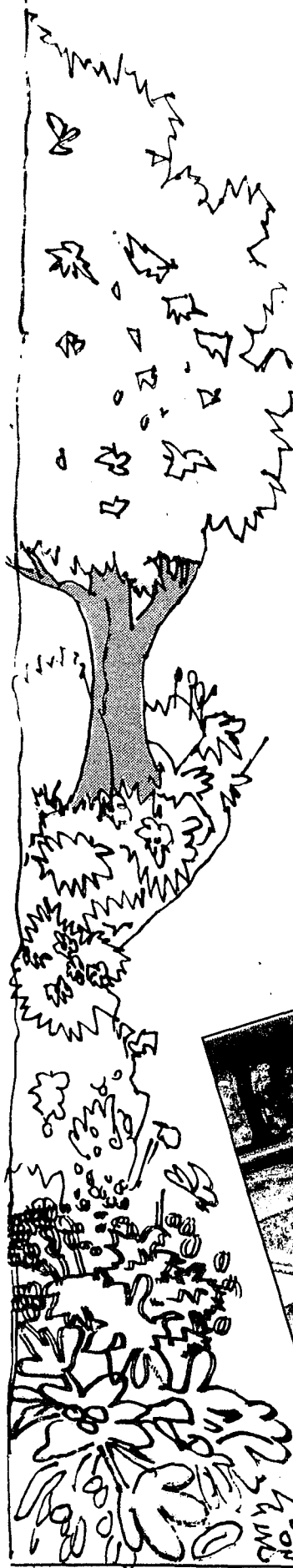
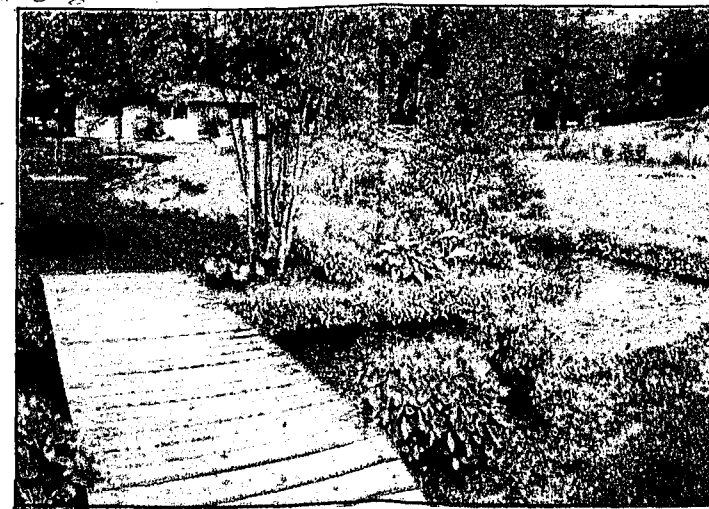
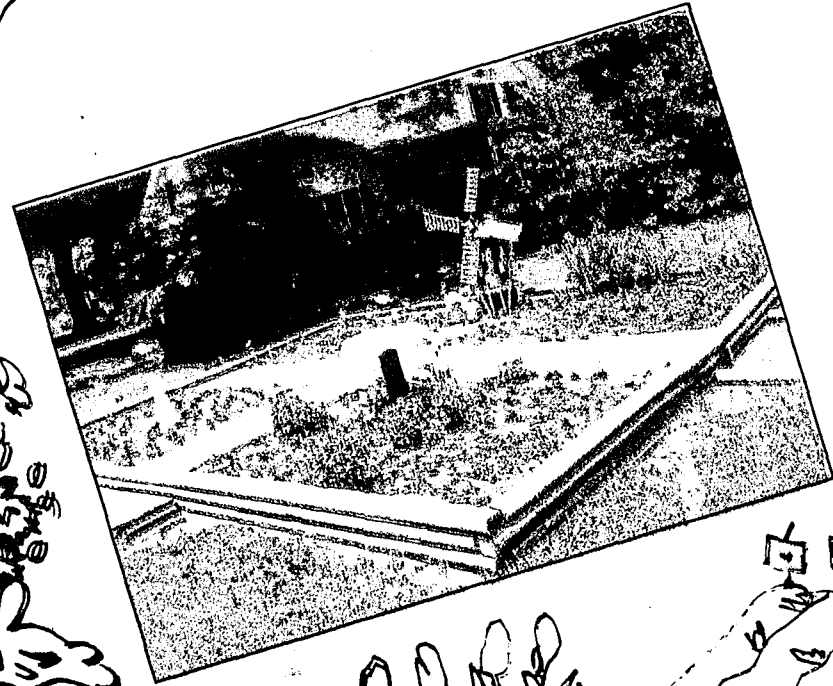
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MSU extension offers gardening tips

EAST LANSING—Weeds trying to take over the garden are almost as prolific as gardening questions in the summer. Here Extension specialists at Michigan State University field inquiries about vegetables, flowers, lawn insects and other timely topics.

How can I tell when eggplant is ready to harvest?

Standard eggplant fruits should be 4 to 6 inches in diameter, firm and bright-colored. Older fruits are dull-colored, soft and seedy.

What's the secret to growing yuccas that flower? I transplanted some from my mother's childhood home several years ago and they have yet to bloom.

Yuccas grow and flower best in poor, infertile soil with little water and in full sun. In a fertile, well prepared flower bed with regular irrigation and fertilization, they may be disappointing. This is one plant that thrives on neglect.

What's the connection between dry weather and white grub damage to lawns?

A well-watered lawn will remain green and healthy-looking

even if heavily infested with white grubs. These beetle larvae — the immature stage of Japanese beetles, May or June beetles, and European chafers, among others — spend a portion of their lives feeding on grass roots. Lawns kept moist by irrigation or rain can withstand even fairly high levels of infestation. Root loss when moisture is scarce results in dead areas in the turf. Watering when grubs are feeding is often the only treatment recommended.

What are some good perennial flowers to plant in a sunny area that sometimes gets pretty dry?

Black-eyed Susan, cone-flowers and coreopsis are a few of the flowering perennials suited to full sun. These and many other perennials need regular irrigation while they're getting established in the landscape, but they need little supplemental watering afterward. Even plants that thrive in full sun will benefit from mulching. Several inches of an organic mulch such as shredded bark slows the loss of moisture from the soil and so pro-

motes root growth. By shading the soil, mulch also helps prevent weed growth. Your county MSU Extension office has information on perennials gardening. Ask for bulletin NCR 556, "Growing Perennials."

What causes fireflies to light up?

The firefly's glow is the result of a chemical reaction involving two substances, luciferin and luciferase, with oxygen. Fireflies are just one member of the insect family Lampyridae ("torchbearers"), a group of beetles that all have the ability to produce light.

What's the point of shearing back your flowering annuals in midsummer? Which ones need this treatment?

Petunias are especially likely to start looking straggly in mid-summer. Cutting back long stems about halfway and watering and fertilizing the plants promote a spurt of lateral growth and a new flush of bloom. Coleus is another one you might want to shear back. The aim in this case is to prevent flowering and encourage branching and foliage growth. Many annual and perennial flowers benefit from dead-

heading — removing faded blossoms. This improves the appearance of the plant and prevents plants from investing energy in producing seed. They keep producing flowers instead.

For the past several years, I have planted Impatiens or fibrous-rooted begonias in pots on my patio. They receive direct morning sun, filtered sun at midday and shade in late afternoon. After the first couple of years, the plants have failed to grow full and thick, in spite of my fertilizing them when I plant. What's the problem?

If you haven't changed the soil in the pots, it's probably past time. By recycling plant materials and other living things, nature constantly renews soil nutrients for plants. This generally doesn't happen in containers — nutrients that plants remove aren't returned when the plants die and decompose. Nutrients may also leach out along with rain or irrigation. Replacing the soil every year or every other year is recom-

mended. Premixed potting soils are generally recommended over homemade mixes, which can contain disease organisms and insects. Fresh soil won't eliminate the need to fertilize — to make their best growth, container-grown plants need regular fertilization. For plants grown strictly for foliage, you can use a complete fertilizer high in nitrogen; for those grown for flowers or fruits, avoid high-nitrogen fertilizers — they'll promote lush foliage growth at the expense of flowers and fruits. Use products such as 5-10-5 or 6-10-4, which are higher in phosphorus than nitrogen.

I don't have a lot of direct sun around my house but I'd like to grow some culinary herbs. Which ones will grow in partial shade?

You might want to try chervil, parsley, caraway, peppermint and spearmint. They are said to do well in moist but well-drained, fertile soil in partial shade.

YOUR YARD

Plant Health Care: A New Concept In Lawn Care

News USA

(NU) - A new concept in lawn and plant management — plant health care — is catching on across the country.

The advanced plant management system is like preventive health care with frequent checkups, early detection and use of integrated treatments to provide long-term solutions.

Plant health care evolved from agriculture's integrated pest management approach. Where integrated pest management is reactive — focusing on the pest; plant health care is proactive — focusing on the plant.

According to the experts at the Professional Lawn Care Association of America, plant health care encourages plant vigor and maintaining healthy, balanced growth. It also involves personal contact with the customer. Establishment of program goals, expectations, monitoring, customer reports, client feedback, and a seasonal summary and evaluation become a part of a joint process between the customer and lawn care professional.

Is plant health care right for your lawn?

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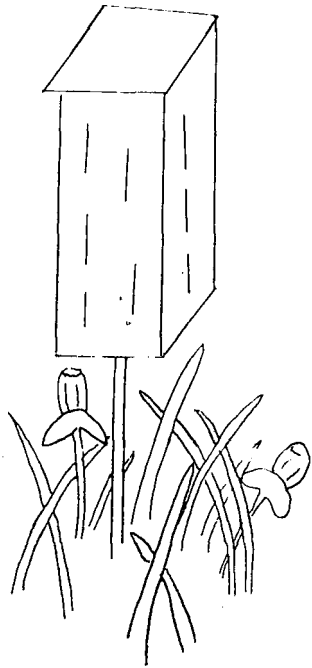
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What can we do to return butterflies to our gardens? Create a habitat that will encourage their return to our backyards! Provide the essentials: food, water, and shelter.

Butterfly boxes (also called butterfly shelters) are fast becoming popular and attractive additions in our gardens. The diagram printed here provides a visual of the shelter. These shelters, or boxes, are made of weather-resistant red cedar which will repel harmful insects. The slanted top is hinged so the box can be cleaned-also for observation.

Butterflies hibernate in crevices. To supply this need, place a piece or two of bark upright in the box. Be sure not to crowd the bark in the box, or the butterflies can't enter. The bark can be found on a fallen tree or a wood pile. Keep the inside of the box natural. The outside of the structure can be painted or decorated. (Painted and decorated boxes are sold for \$150.00 in some garden centers.) The front and side slits must be narrow to prevent other insects from entering-no slits on the back! A good size would be 1 1/4 W and 2 1/4 L. A good size box would be 24" H x 5" W x 5" D.

Placement of the shelter is important. It can be hung from a post or a shepherd's hook or mounted on a pole or post. The box should be 3 1/2" to 4" off the ground

and placed near the host plants. In fact, the front and bottom of the box should touch flowers and plants butterflies like so they will lay their eggs in the garden and find the habitat favorable so they will stay. Your observations will provide great enjoyment for you as well as being helpful in increasing the numbers of these fascinating and beautiful creatures.

Vacation tours for the butterfly enthusiast

Because summer is just around the corner, and that means planning summer week-end trips and excursions, this article will cover some butterfly excursions to various parts of the country.

First, and right here in Michigan, is the Hoffmaster State Park. During the week of July 4th they present "Great Spangled Butterfly Days." This program consists of a video, displays, books for sale on the subject, and crafts for children at the Visitor's Center. You must have a vehicle pass to enter the park. Telephone number (616) 798-3573.

Olbrich Gardens is located in Madison, Wisconsin on Atwood Blvd., across from Lake Monona. They have just completed a huge glass conservatory which has several levels, waterfalls and live birds. A wonderful place to visit year around. In the summer there is a well established butterfly garden, as well as herb and

rose gardens, rock gardens and a beautifully landscaped stage with a reflecting pool for outdoor musical and drama presentations. A delight to visit any time.

If your vacation sends you South, try to stop on Highway 85 South, just before Columbus, Georgia (near La Grange) to visit Callaway Gardens. A beautiful stop any season of the year, but in the Springtime, Azaleas, Dogwoods, Redbuds and Rhododendrons abound. There is a beautiful glass enclosure exclusively for butterflies, with hundreds of them flying around. Beautiful!

Point Pelee Provincial Park, not far from Leamington, Ontario is

another visitor thrill of a different sort. In fall, usually around Labor Day, the annual migration of the Monarch butterfly brings them here by the thousands - an unbelievable sight to see and experience. The exact dates vary each year, so if you are in the vicinity and wish to see the migration, check for dates with the Leamington or Ontario Tourist Information.

Wherever you may go during the spring and summer months, watch for and take advantage of any butterfly gardens or displays you may happen to see or hear about. I know you will be glad you did.

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Installing your own garden pond is simple, maintaining it is easy and, best of all, your pond will provide years of trouble-free enjoyment.

PONDS AROUND THE WORLD

European gardens, particularly in Great Britain, southern France, northern Italy, Holland and Germany, almost always feature a yard pond.

Nine years ago, a German company, Tetra Werke, known best in the United States for its home aquarium products, developed a bonded, two-piece, heavy-duty (32 millimeters thick), flexible rubber pond liner. This liner allows homeowners to free-form a yard pond efficiently and easily, in whatever shape is best suited for the terrain or the homeowner's needs.

This liner can withstand the warmest summers and the coldest winters, and is available in sizes big enough to create ponds almost 10 feet in diameter.

Through Tetra Werke's U.S. distributor, Tetra/Secondnature, a full line of products and complete information on constructing a yard pond are now available.

How do you construct a garden pond? Start by selecting a location on your property where the ground is fairly even, although because of the flexibility of the liner, some leveling can be achieved when digging your pond. The pond should be placed where it will get approximately six hours of sunlight per day.

While you can place your pond anywhere, it is not recommended to place it directly under trees, since falling leaves can foul the water and tree roots will make digging difficult.

Using a heavy garden hose or a rope, free-form your pond design to conform to your landscaping scheme.

When constructing your pond, dig both a shallow area and a deep area. Fish will feed on insects in the shallow area, and it is the ideal place for potted plants such as lilies.

The deep area will provide security for your fish and protect them from

birds and small animals. Depending on your climate, the deep area of your pond should be anywhere from 24 to 40 inches, and the shallow area from 4 to 12 inches.

After digging out your pond location, line the ground with sand, carpet padding or even old newspapers before installing the liner. This will protect the liner against sharp, protruding objects like roots and rocks.

To create that professional look, build a rock border around your pond, allowing the rocks to overlap the edge of the pond by 1 or 2 inches. You can landscape back around the pond and even build a patio, if desired.

EASY MAINTENANCE

Maintaining your pond is very easy. Tetra has an economical, permanent pond filter and air pump, as well as a full line of water chemicals and foods to ensure that your fish will prosper. And if you want to add the grace and beauty of a waterfall or fountain to your pond, Tetra even offers a powerful and reliable water pump.

What kind of fish should you put in your pond? The hardiest are large Common or Comet goldfish.

Depending on the size of your pond, these hardy fish will grow rapidly and can withstand the worst climates. As

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If you live in a warmer climate, you can select from the most prized and beautiful and exotic Koi from Japan. These are increasingly available throughout the United States and although not quite as hardy as the common goldfish, they are treasured pond fish that have the potential to live for decades.

What should you do in the winter? Nothing! After the first frost, remove your filter and leave your pond alone until the onset of spring (as soon as

the water temperature reaches 50 degrees Fahrenheit).

Never feed your fish during the winter, as their metabolism directly relates to the water temperature, and when it drops below 50 degrees Fahrenheit the fish will not eat. In the spring, install your filter and begin feeding your fish. A Tetra Koi pond thermometer will provide you with the proper guidance in feeding your fish according to temperature.

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For further information, write Tetra/Secondnature, 3001 Commerce St., Blacksburg, VA 24060-6671, or contact your local pet store or lawn and garden center.



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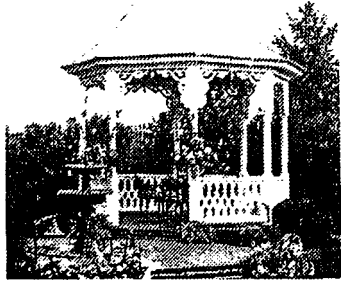
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Every season, a new facet of the Garden is highlighted. The grand spring spectacle of fragrant magnolias and massed flowering cherries and crab-apples, for which the Garden is world famous, stands in

contrast to winter's tracery of leafless branches. Some 12,000 different kinds of plants are grown here, and all are labeled with the common and scientific names and country of origin. Almost every country is represented: alders from Corsica rub branches with Eurasian birches, and the perpetual warmth under glass nurtures a host of plants including the soursop of Tropical America.

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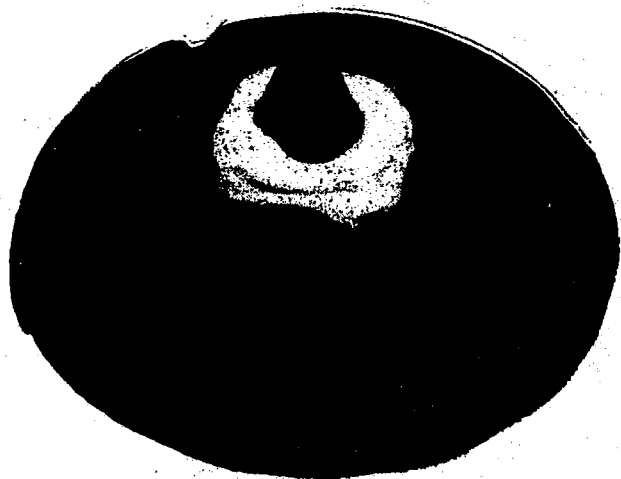
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Do marigolds really discourage predatory insects or is this just a gardening myth? What's the best way to prepare soil before planting annuals or deal with invasive plants in an earth friendly way?

Since gardening is an inexact science, learned by observing and by doing, it makes sense to gather all the advice you can. Often the most experienced gardeners develop different but equally effective ways of doing the same thing.

Four brand new guides have been added to Pantheon Books' comprehensive and user-friendly 12-volume series, *American Garden Guides*, answering some basic and not-so-basic questions about annuals, roses, indoor and dry climate gardening.

Compiled by numerous botanical gardens, the guides are created in consultation with seven other botanical gardens in various regions of the country. Because the books are collaborative efforts, each is checked for accuracy by eight or more garden experts.

Although it is important to learn gardening basics, whatever method works for you is the right way.

Useful tips from the guides' regional experts help readers decide how differing regional and special conditions might affect their garden.

The series, which also features books on herbs, shrubs, perennials and vegetables, favors environmentally responsible gardening techniques and the development of a personal gardening style.

Also stressed are the importance and fun of finding lesser-known, native and heirloom plants. A user-friendly format groups all the information about a plant in the same place.

Information about how to grow and care for your garden is organized around riotously colorful photographs that are an inspiration to look at on non-gardening days.

The detail-rich text is based on the hands-on experience of full-time horticulturalists but it's not difficult to try yourself. Numbered step-by-step black and white photo sequences are easy enough for a beginning gardener to follow.

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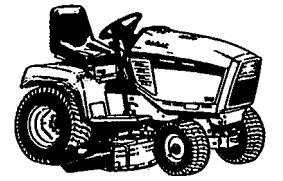
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Marge Viascak and Mary Beth Seal, members of the Buchanan Garden Club, were photographed putting flowers in one of the planters on Front Street in Buchanan last week. (Photo by Don Holmes)

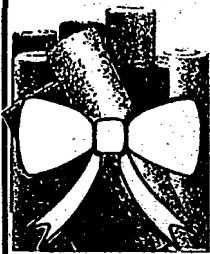
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Just as the rooms of your home benefit from striking architectural details, such as a fireplace or even a dramatic piece of furniture, your garden or home landscape benefits through the use of a dominant planting or focal point. Try the suggestions below from the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) to create interesting and enticing outdoor spaces.

- ◆ Begin by looking at your garden or landscape through new eyes. Is there one area where your eye is drawn first? You might be able to enhance the structure of your garden by planting one or more trees in this area. Young or old, big or small, trees anchor a landscape, giving it a feeling of permanence and stability.
- ◆ Use trees in a variety of ways, perhaps by planting a row of small trees at the edge of your lawn or placing a large tree at the center of your landscape.
- ◆ You can best determine where to place the focal point of your lawn or garden, whether trees, flowers, a gazebo or a fountain, by viewing your landscape as though it were a painting. Add depth by placing taller plants and trees in the background and smaller flowers and shrubs in the foreground.
- ◆ Like the central subject of a painting, you can showcase your focal point, drawing attention to its size, shape or color. For example, you might plant a large tree in the center of the garden. For added drama, surround the tree with shade-loving flowers and plant in only one or two colors.

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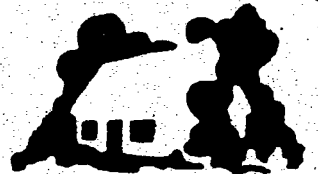
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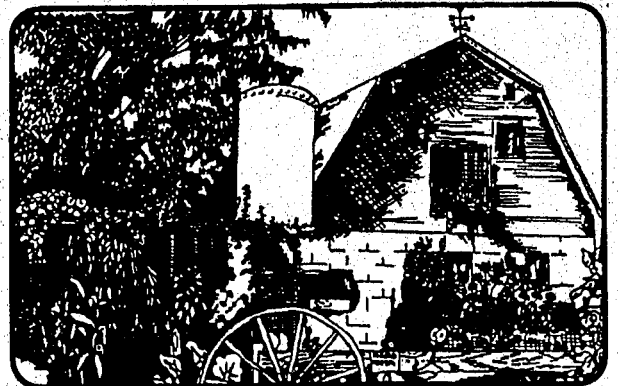
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Gardeners travel from all over the midwest to Sunshine Perennial Gardens. To get there from Buchanan, take Main Street to the end, around the bend to Glendora Road, to Cleveland. Turn Right on Cleveland to Hinchman Road, turn left and it's about a quarter mile down on the left.

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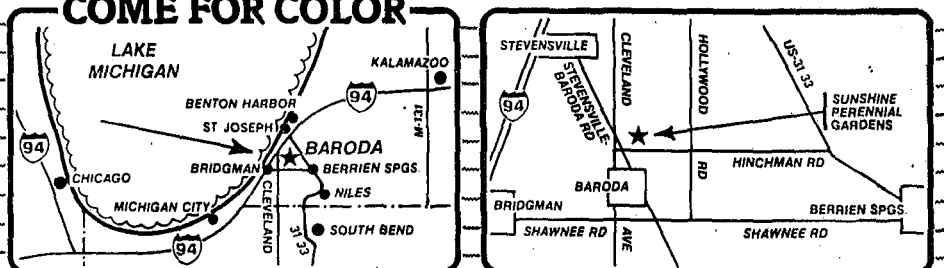
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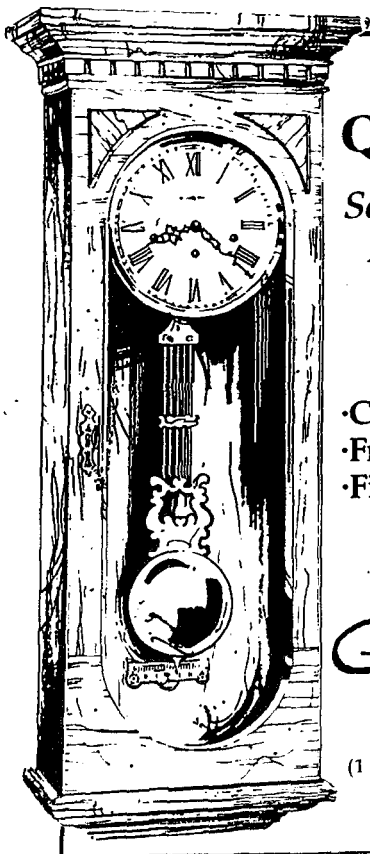


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