

Down to earth

Local gardeners develop a batch of new plants

We are very lucky to have many dedicated gardeners in this area who aren't satisfied to only take a plant and nurture it on their property but try new ideas to assure good results.

As an illustration we have Al Goldner, a local nurseryman, who has a masters in horticulture from Ohio State. By tissue culture he is introducing new varieties of hemerocallis (day lilies). A silver is taken of a young bud as it is formed and placed in a test tube for development. This assures the horticulturist that the resulting seedling will have a true reproduced progeny instead of some characteristics of past generations from customary crosses.

Goldner has a scientist working full time in the greenhouse at his rural Howell farm. He is also working on tissue culture to develop new orchids. On the acreage he is growing the

Illinois strain of corn which has the professionals buzzing. It is super sweet and even if stored in the refrigerator for five or six days tastes as though it was just picked with the initial sweetness still in tact.

Another "best" which he raises on the farm by the acre is the wellknown Howell-type melon from Burpee's Ambrosia seed.

While visiting on his patio I noticed he has an annual from Parkseed which was new to me. It made a beautiful pot plant—Clitoria Ternatea (Butterfly Pea). The flowers were a delightful, intense, azure blue about 1 1/2" long with a white horseshoe center. It is described as half hardy. It looks like a good plant to flower under fluorescent light.

A perennial was also on display in a pot, Rehmannia Angulata (Park seed). It is known as Beverly Bells with



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showy trumpet-shaped flowers, orchid-pink with sun yellow throats. The flowers come on 3' branches. It would be easy to prepare an area a little bigger than a pie plate next year and give it a try from seed.

Another dedicated gardener is Murray Hayward, Larches, Birmingham. He is retired and for the last 10 years his paramount interest has been with roses. It all began with a class at the Birmingham Community House on the culture of roses. At this time he has approximately 45 roses in extra prime condition. His favorite is Tropicana. So, if you are a rose fancier, here is a chap who would welcome exchanging rose chat with you.

If you wonder about current garden problems you can dial 658-2619 and hear the information given by the county agent, 24 hours a day.

Remember this is the cycle when all of your early spring flowering trees need lots of water, such as flowering crabs, magnolias, rhododendrons, fruit trees, and others. They begin forming buds for next spring NOW. Forsythia, and other ornamentals are included in this directive.

Art association expands its fall class schedule

Fall registration for members and current students at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association opens Monday.

General registration begins Monday, Aug. 14. Most of the fall classes will start Thursday, Sept. 14. Others, slated

for the new buildings, will begin the first week in October.

As a result of its expanded facilities, the Art Association will offer many new classes in addition to the regular adult and youth schedule.

Bnai Brith district gives Bittker new post

David L. Bittker of Farmington Hills has been elected president of the Bnai Brith District. The election took place in the Midwest's district convention in Chicago, where more than 200 delegates assembled from Canada's western provinces and eight midwest states.

Bittker is a partner in the National Lumber Corp. in Warren, and has served as president of the Metropolitan Detroit Bnai Brith Council and Centennial Lodge.

He has served as the Michigan regional chairman for the Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith and is a

member of the executive committee of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit.

During the convention, Sol Moss, a past president of the Detroit Bnai Brith Council, was elected to Bnai Brith International's board of governors.

Other Detroit area residents elected as Bnai Brith International commissioners are Harold Jaffe, Louis Segel, George Tarnoff and Louis Weber.

Those from the area elected to the district's board of governors are Martin Weston and Ernest Shaw, both past presidents of Bnai Brith Council.

MACLD announces 3-part radio series

The Michigan Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD) alerts residents to a three-part series concerning these with learning problems that will be broadcast on WITD-radio.

Broadcasts will be 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 11 a.m. Aug. 5, and 8 p.m. Aug. 6 with station director Foster Braun acting as moderator.

Braun will interview professionals in the field of learning disabilities, parents of learning disabled children and adults who have had the problem.

Topics to be discussed concern identifying learning disabilities, how to implement educational programs and how to live with the learning disabled.



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