

Room for Design

Are the stars dictating your decor?

Is astrology a science, a religion, or nonsense? Lots of people will concede that there is a particular time of year seem to share certain character traits. If outlooks and temperaments coincide, surely similar tastes must exist. Hence, this sun-guide to decoration. Believers can study them. Skeptics smile and enjoy.

ARIES is the most assertive and aggressive of all the signs. The planet is Mars, the warrior god. The color is red. No pale pastels for Arians—they love warmth. They are hard workers and will spend their spare time pursuing a hobby, one of which is reading. You will find books and bookshelves galore in the decor of an Aries home.

TAUREANS are dependable people whose feet are firmly planted on the ground. Tastes tend to the traditional, colors are Venetian pinks and pale blues. They enjoy a home and its comforts—a place to sink back, put their feet up and enjoy a blazing fire. Deep shag carpeting and loose pillows may be found in a Taurus home. Possessions are important and well displayed.

GEMINI is a volatile, versatile, eloquent and quixotic sign. A Gemini is too changeable to opt for just one color, which is why they like muted shades which vary. To settle on merely one pattern would be stifling. They like variety. The home of a Gemini is dramatic, colorful, and touched with a sense of humor.

CANCER is characterized by soft cool light representing the moon, the ruling planet, and shades of gray and blue reminiscent of water. Creativity, the hallmark of a Cancerian, is used to produce a comfortable, well-lit room that glows with excitement. This is the perfect setting to satisfy their powerful motivation to cherish what they love.

LEO's home is truly his (or her) castle. Grandly scaled furniture, flamboyant Leo, whose element is fire enjoys rich red and ornately carved moldings. Flowers, opulence, sometimes garish, the home is a palace.

VIRGO, the sign of purity, means a never-ending quest for perfection. A Virgo's home is formal, tidy to the extreme, and probably traditionally furnished. He will stick to one style. A mix would be incompatible with his scrupulous attention to detail. Comfort and earth colors surround him. Anything less than a perfect match upsets Virgo.

SCORPIO's most notable characteristics are intensity and passion. There is no gray area for a Scorpio. They like to surround themselves dramatically, patterns, colors, mixes, well-appointed rooms. A Scorpio likes to express individuality, therefore, you won't see him

duplicate or follow trends.

SAGITTARIUS the sign of the Centaur includes two types. Both are frank and optimistic with a good sense of humor. While some are over-enthusiastic, others are studious and caught up in learning. Blue, the Sagittarian color is found somewhere, somehow in a Sagittarian home. They exhibit zest combined with sophistication.

CAPRICORN, the goat, scrambles to climb paths to reach peaks. People under this sign are ambitious. They rise above adversity to become the pillars of society. The element is earth.

which encourages the Capricorn to color his home with muted browns and greens. They are cool, clear thinkers and enjoy uncluttered and elegant surroundings. Plenty of white, ceramic tile floors, glittering glass, and polished chrome suit them. They enjoy a controlled atmosphere, no risk, just simply stated restraint.

AQUARIANS although humanitarians, are the independent people, engrossed in scientific and futuristic pursuits. Aquarians are extremely modern in outlook, they like crisp and clean surroundings. Don't expect to find conventional seating. Instead,

platforms perhaps, with loose cushions abundant. Collections, work tables, and individual approach to living will be evident.

PISCES, people are romantic. They are the dreamers, inspired but totally impractical. Kind and gentle, they see the world through rose-colored glasses. We picture the Piscean luxuriating in a "faux-brass" canopy bed. These sea-influenced people will love moire, velvet and lush warm colors—apricots, turquoise, mauve and lavender.

Have I mentioned you in this column? I hope so.



Down to Earth

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Old garden tips still work

This is prime time for those who enjoy Michigan—our climate and our beautiful green plant material versus some other parts of the country we won't mention.

This is harvest time and there are many questions to be answered. For instance, after you are through harvesting your red raspberries from the old canes, prune them because they will die and next year's crop will come on the fresh new growth of this year.

If you have everbearing raspberries the new growth will have some berries at the end of the season and some more on the same canes next spring before dying. If you want to propagate your total stand of raspberries you can begin by transplanting the shoots which come up around the roots. You must give them a good mulch of peat moss.

If you are noticing cabbage worms on your cabbage sprinkle kosher salt down among the leaves and you won't have future trouble. This is an old time trick. Remember to harvest your kohlrabi when it is young for the best taste. It should be harvested when the bulb is no larger than two to three inches. You can cook it as you would cauliflower after cutting into small cubes. It is also good raw as a scoop for a cheese dip. Cut the vegetable into slivers.

As we have many "explorers" among our readers, I am sure some of you have tried celeriac for the first

time this year. It is turnip rooted celery. Harvest when the roots are about two inches in diameter. The taste is like a combination of celery and parsley.

Can't you imagine how good the root would taste slivered into a tossed salad or in an old fashioned stew during that cold cycle in September. Many of you have terrific vegetable gardens. Be sophisticated and try the above mentioned two vegetables to enlarge your family's eating taste.

Are you troubled with weeds under some of your trees? Old Doc Burlingame will say some pointed questions. If your trees are too dense it can help to do some trimming. Look up into the tree. Masses of crossing branches are not good as they rub against each other in the wind. This often creates an opening for disease. Dense branches can cut down on air

circulation which is not good. Often the soil under a tree never has a chance to dry out.

If the soil is acid I recommend you buy a testing kit and get the answer. You can send a sample to Michigan State and it costs \$3.75 per sample (per dip of soil) and some delay. What a wonderful business could be developed by a retiree—testing soil, instant report, moderate price.

Temporarily you can eliminate acid soil by spraying it with a mix of 5 oz. of copper sulfate in four gallons of water, per 1,000 square feet.

Remember the honey tip I passed on to you for the rooting cuttings? Take some pieces of a yew twig and the striped needles, place in a container of water for 24 hours. Then use the resulting strained tea as a rooting agent. The mix has been tested and is conducive to root growth for cuttings.

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Art to the Schools invites volunteers

The 11-year-old Art to the Schools committee of the Detroit Institute of Arts has a new board of directors already making plans for the year ahead.

This group of volunteers from the metropolitan area bring, free of charge, 50-minute talks on art to schools who request the programs.

The volunteers are trained at the Detroit Institute of Arts under the leadership of James Bridenstine of the arts education department.

The volunteer speakers who do classroom programs once a week, usually for fourth, fifth and sixth grades carry slides as well as painting and sculpture reproductions with them.

The one-year training program focuses on the history of art, teaching techniques and a particular area of expertise.

Along with this, all volunteers attend monthly meetings at the museum with guest lecturers or special tours. They also visit private collections and exhibit outside the museum.

Those serving on the 1978-79 board from this area are Cyvia Snyder of West Bloomfield, chairwoman; Mary Ann Simon of West Bloomfield, vice-chairwoman; Edna Newman of Southfield, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Sondra Schwartz of Bloomfield Hills, recording secretary; Jan Bailey of Bloomfield Hills, program; and Dody Well of Orchard Lake, publicity.

Past chairwomen who are members of the board include Joyce Scott, Janet Miller and Zelma Horwitz, all of Birmingham, and Lois Stulberg of Bloomfield Hills.

Anyone interesting in training to participate in the program may call James Bridenstine at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 633-7885.

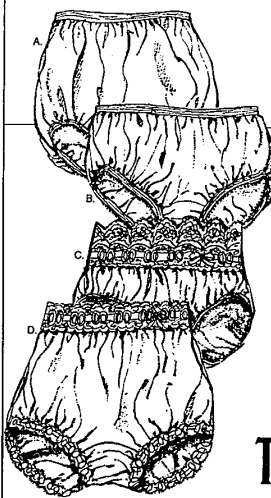
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