

# Garden gifts will please mother

Mother's Day is Sunday. Of course the greatest gift you can give her is your affection and attention. But here are some garden related gifts which will please her — a 12 inch pot of geraniums for her front door, ivy or sweet alyssum will add to its beauty, a hanging basket for her patio (be sure and have the right plant content dependent upon exposure to sun), fresh garden gloves and a small hand tool or two.

A fine garden gift for Mother would be a tree peony. They are the aristocrats of the garden, producing flowers, growing 4-5 feet high. Full sun will be called for, good drainage, a Ph of seven (slightly alkaline). Have a graft 6 inches deep. They make a fine vertical accent in an annual or perennial flower bed. The tree peony has a history of years of longevity.

A book I am bullish on for the practicing gardener is "10,000 Garden Questions, Answered by 20 Experts." I like the style of it because when you come racing into your library shelf to get a quick answer as to a plant's care you don't have to wade through a long essay. You place the question and there is a brief reply, written by a practicing gardener. This gift would please Mother, or later, Dad for Father's Day.

YOU DON'T have to look too far to see attractive house plant or patio plant containers. This selection as a Mother's Day gift allowing for a wide range of price.

The rage for planting wild flowers from seed is strong. So give it a try.

Those with considerable experience feel as though it is better to plant them in a group so you can nurture them during their early growth, then transplant them in late August.

Select your location, then make a shallow furrow for the seeds, drop the seeds in the furrow, and cover with a light covering of sand. Gently water frequently until they sprout and can be on their own. The sand on the surface will advertise to you the exact location of the planting.

As a suggestion for planting lettuce and onion sets, you might like to have onion sets each side of the row of lettuce, a space saver. Don't just have one kind of lettuce, have three or four varieties. It gives a salad more interest and taste appeal.

If you have trouble with birds taking meals out of your garden, whether berries or vegetables, don't forget to investigate the plastic netting which can be used over and over again, just roll it up at the end of the season and store it.

If you want an attractive 6 inch flower annual, accent for a fine splash of color, consider the dianthus or pinks. They give a good fragrance from their flowers. Give the plants nine inch centers.

ON ANY seed which you buy in the retail store, look for the All-American Award shield which tells you the specific plant has a good performance and good health. You get less seed but recent introductions, it is worth it. This advice goes for flower as well as vegetable seed.

All sun loving flowers shouldn't be



down to earth

**Alice Burlingame**

planted more than three years in the same location for the best growth.

Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary members leave on June 9 for Montreal to attend the World Flower Show which is held every five years. This will be the first time it has been on this continent. There are five vacancies open.

Rhubarb is ready, folks. If your mother cooked it the chances are that you enjamb about this crop which has such handsome leaves with tender stalks at this date.

Can't you just taste that rhubarb pie next winter, made from your rhubarb patch? Here is the secret for preserving. In a sterilized container with a lid, cut up in small pieces the washed stalks and place in the jars, fill with cold water and screw lid on tightly. But right now cook it as a sauce with a wee bit of lemon squeezed into the sauce along with sugar to taste after boiling in water.

## Sacred Heart alums meet

Academy of the Sacred Heart Alumnae Association hosts its annual spring lunch and meeting at noon May 17 in the academy, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Alumnae of all Sacred Heart schools throughout the world are welcome to call for reservations, 646-8900.

An 11 a.m. liturgy has been planned by co-chairwomen Mrs. James Mulvoy of West Bloomfield and Mrs. William Gibbs of Bloomfield Hills.

Sister Susan Maxwell, headmistress of Michigan's oldest independent school, will recognize Sister Mary McCarthy and Sister Marie Kalb on the occasion of their 50th jubilee as relig-

ious of the Sacred Heart. And 43 graduates of the class of 1930 will be officially welcomed into the alumnae association.

Coming from Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn., Sister Cora McLaughlin will show a short slide presentation of St. Madeleine Sophie Barre, foundress of the Religious of the Sacred Heart who was canonized May 24, 1925.

Founded in Detroit in 1851 and relocated in Bloomfield Hills in 1958, the academy is part of an international network of 220 schools and colleges in the U.S. and in 35 countries, worldwide.

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