

Gardeners gather in Montreal

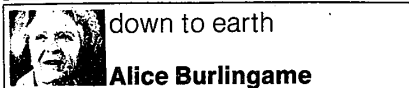
On June 9, 14 members of the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary left for Montreal by air to see Floralies 1980 on the Isle of Notre Dame (site of the previous World Fair). The Floralies has never been on this western continent before and previously had only occurred in every five years in chosen countries of Europe.

The guests from Cranbrook planned to make the three packed days a total experience within the city. Montreal today seems more French than Paris. We stayed at the Hotel Bonaventure which has a subway stop at the lower level, plus two levels of shops. You can walk and walk from building to building underground. The hotel per se, begins on the seventh floor with many restaurants, large courtyards with small lakes, waterfalls, beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees, plus a large swimming pool. The floors between the street level and the hotel are exhibition areas for permanent trade shows.

ALTHOUGH THE GOAL of the trip was to attend Floralies 1980, the group took a scenic tour of Montreal to savor the total setting. Your columnist has been in cathedrals all over the world, but Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal would easily be chosen number one. It is a religious experience regardless of one's affiliation.

As Montreal was host to the 1976 Olympics, these special buildings with their ready adaptability to change and adjust for various functions hold interest for all ages. They are used these days for international competitive sporting events.

A delightful stop for half a day was



down to earth

Alice Burlingame

the Bôtanique Gardens of Montreal. There's a recreational train to tour the extensive grounds where many shrubs and trees are exhibited in families. The conservatory, made up of nine exhibition houses, has many varieties of plants, well maintained, and it's worth a portion of time on your next Montreal trip.

On the beautiful Isle of Notre Dame, where the Floralies 1980 is staged, there's an opportunity to savor styles of landscaping from all over the world. Various temperatures often determine the use of plant material. Twenty-two countries plus the provinces of Canada have contributed their talents and plant material.

The first garden to interest the visitor is from France shaped in the form of a large rose with petal-shaped terraces. Each province in France has its own motif. A

ITALIAN GARDENS always emphasize vertical plantings and so the garden in Montreal has tall, slender cypress trees. Flowers are in crannies and slopes to represent the mountains of Italy.

The Queen Mother is celebrating her 80th birthday so there's a rose garden tribute to her. The Austrian garden with its Austrian pines, alpine plants

and a Tyrolean chalet is another favorite.

The Canadian garden features the various plants seen in the five provinces, so visitors can feel at home when you explore their country.

The United States exhibit shows the use of flowers and all categories of plants which will withstand urban con-

ditions. The constructed park has a model playground for children. This is an excellent display with an educational theme.

This report only gives a tip of the iceberg. To secure more information, write Les Floralies, 360 Rue Saint-Jacques, Montreal, Quebec, H2V 1P5.

Old Montreal and rides to the outer areas of the city provided non stop exploring for hours when the weather was cold and unsettled. The visitors enjoyed days packed with new sights, and Floralies 1980 will become a permanent beauty spot to assure future visitors of yet another reason to return to Montreal, Quebec.

Nicole Allen will vie for 'Miss Teen' title

Nicole Allen, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bodger N. Allen, of Farmington Hills, has been selected to be a state finalist in the 1980 Miss United Teenager Pageant.

She will vie with 75 other young misses in the state competition July 22 in Adrian College, Adrian.

The Harrison High School student is being sponsored by Happiness Is, Designs on You, Carnaby Street and attorney Williams Still.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic and civic achievements, beauty, poise and personality. Each contestant will write, then recite on stage a 100 word essay on the subject, "My Country."



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