

# Take a trip with me to Memphis

Recently, this columnist attended the annual meeting of the Garden Writers Association of America in Memphis, Tenn., and made my plans in a to-hum manner.

Isn't a big city the same all over the country? That attitude was a mistake. This city vibrates with beauty and one big reason is: the group "Friends of City Beautiful."

Everybody in town is invited to be a member. Leaders come from all strata and the members are asked to take this pledge:

"I want to live in a beautiful and clean community. I believe that I can help Memphis become cleaner. Therefore, I pledge not to cause litter, and I will devote one minute per day to pick up litter caused by others." About 62 percent of the cost of rubbish was reduced.

Sounds simple, maybe an ad man's idea — but it works. The pledge is written in calligraphy and signed by the joinder. The emblem is "Unlitter



down to earth

Alice Burlingame

Memphis, cleaning up our act."

Talks were given by some of the leading directors of arboreta and growers in the country. From Longwood (the most beautiful garden in the world at Kennett Square, Pa.), we saw a picture on how to have fun trimming your tree wisteria into three vertical layers of growth.

Where you have a staircase open under the steps, install fluorescent light underneath and grow plants.

Burpee's have available squash and cucumbers that have a bush profile and do not sprawl all over available vegetable patch. They also have a Long-keeper tomato that will stay in good condition, if it is refrigerated, to the

latter part of the winter.

ROBERT PERRY, operating the Sunset Nursery in Tampa, had wonderful suggestions for plant use: variegated St. Augustine grass makes a good hanging basket, Ficus Benjaminia also provides a good hanging basket.

For those who like to grow seedlings, this plant explorer has developed "Secret Agent" that induces rapid germination with seeds and promotes sure cutting roots. Perry has a fine background in horticulture and landscape architecture that prompted him to write "Basic Gardening in Florida Sand," 71 pages, \$2.98, 4007 Elrod, Tampa, Fla. 33616.

One nurseryman commented that within 10 years, nectarines will replace peaches because they do not have fuzz on their surface.

For those who have areas where they are promoting prairies or meadows, Barbara Emerson believes it will take at least one mowing a year to control them. Longwood has 300 acres in Meadow with six-inch paths with a design like clouds of irregular shape.

Herb cooking demonstrations will add spice to Cranbrook's semiannual plant sale Nov. 7 and 8 at the Cranbrook greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Road. Sponsored by the garden section of the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary, the sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 8.

There is no charge for admission. Plants and bulbs range in price from \$1 to \$20. Parking is in the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot.

Visitors are invited to see everyday garden-variety herbs transformed into succulent garnishes for sauteed turkey breast, stuffed rice and peas bonne femme by culinary herb expert and teacher Caroline Jamison Friday and Saturday from 2-3 p.m.

Also shown will be della Robbia-style cake decorating with herbs and the use of herbs in fragrant wreaths.

In addition, Lizz Korb, who now appears on national television as a plant specialist, will advise guests about their plant woes.

Plant selections will include beautiful house varieties, miniature cycla-

## Plant sale held Nov. 7

ments, orchids, cactus, ferns, jades and bromeliads.

Also for purchase will be Rabbits Foot ferns in terra cotta pots, dish gardens, euphorbia in lava rocks and herb and grapevine wreaths.

## Workshop teaches how to sew creative gifts

Judy Lutz, familiar exhibitor in Juried arts and crafts shows and teacher for Fashion Institute of America, will lead a two-session workshop, "Creative Gifts To Sew" from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays, beginning Nov. 14, in the Farmington Community Center.

Mrs. Lutz, holds an art degree from Wayne State University and is an authority on color and design.

She will offer two projects to her class. Fee is \$12 plus materials. Registration is required by signing up in the center, 24705 Farmington Road, or calling 477-6104.



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