

Gardeners book guide given here

Our readers this time of year are basking right along selecting gifts for their kin. Last week, you were given assistance on book selection. This week, miscellaneous ideas will be given.

Bird feeders and bird houses can generally find an appropriate location at most homes. This week I saw a feeder which was attached to a window ledge which made easy filling. When the feeder was empty, the birds would pick at Dr. Hawkins' window as they could see a full jar of grain through the glass of a fruit jar next to the window inside.



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

Foliage plants are always welcome and there seems to be special emphasis on ferns this year. They make excellent hanging baskets. If you select a small one for a table it can have a glass tube inserted which can have a live flower from time to time in it.

The favorite flowering plant of this columnist is the cyclamen. This house plant, which takes 18 months from seed to flower like a moist atmosphere and not a location in a sunny window, water daily sparingly and syringe tops for moisture. The zonal marked leaves are very attractive.

Poinsettias are perennial favorites. It is a losing game to expect to bring them into flower a second year, so enjoy them at their prime. If you have a white or pink poinsettia, it doesn't look out so out of season if it continues to flower for several months.

ANOTHER PLANT selection is an amaryllis bulb. The directions will be on the wrapper. The growth is rapid from bulb to large, sturdy flowers.



Geersens-Green

Mr. and Mrs. August J. Geersens of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter Gail Ruth to Kenneth M. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority and a 1975 graduate of Farmington High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a 1974 graduate of Pontiac Catholic High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

An April 25 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Chicago, Ill.

Parilo-Haas

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parilo of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia to Richard P. Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Haas of Livonia.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are both students at University of Michigan-Dearborn, and both are majoring in mechanical engineering.

No wedding date has been set.



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