

Now's the time to propagate shrubs

"Better late than never" — hearsay has it that if you are troubled with wormy radishes, you may eliminate the problem if you soak your seeds in kerosene and plant them wet. They won't carry the taste of the kerosene when they mature.

If you've planted morning glories this season, avoid giving them too much water. Let them dry out between waterings or you will have a bigger ratio of leaves to flowers.

It's challenging to propagate plant material. You will be surprised how reproducing choice plants in the garden can spark the interest of children — and all ages.

NOW YOU CAN start pyracantha, forsythia, weigela, French lilac and really most of your shrubs. You may wish to invest in Rotoone, which is a hormone powder for dipping the cuttings into to encourage rooting. Cut with a knife just below the joint on a stem. It could be about 4 inches long. A good place to start a colony of cuttings is near the base of a shrub, where the spot



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

gets about half a day of sun. I always place a couple of sticks beside such projects to remind a second gardener that this a project "so don't cultivate."

We haven't forgotten last winter and the talk about ways to analyze how you can use the sun to work for you. Sunset's new book, "Windows and Skylights," Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, Calif. \$4.95, 111 pages, \$4.95 is teeming with color illustrated ideas on how you can extend your house, save heating costs and create beauty spots for dramatic living with furniture and plants.

A portion of the book contains construction tips. Large bay windows can gather in the sunshine. A colorful sit-

ting area can be part of the decor in a bay window. In the future I am sure home buyers will become increasingly aware of site location and how it can work for heat control. In other columns, I've told about west and north landscaping to aid winter heat control. This is a good time of year to get your planning together.

INDOOR PLANT specialists might enjoy detouring southwest of Zanesville, Ohio to Corning, Ohio to visit Country Hills Greenhouse, which represents a colony of hobbiests who seek gourmet cooking, there should be a lot of herb hobbiests attending.

and sell unusual indoor plants. They have a catalog. Those who seek unusual plants are sort of in the same category as stamp collectors. This group's collection is a prime resource for universities and botanical gardens.

It won't be long before the corn season arrives. You will have good luck preserving the ears for consumption by taking a newspaper and a stapler and making a sleeve to fit over the ear. Don't put the sleeves on the corn until the kernels are all developed. Sunlight isn't necessary for maturation. As certain ears mature and are harvested, just move to sleeve over to another ripening ear for protection.

We have many herb specialists in the area and Fox Hill Farm in Parma is planning a Basil Festival Sunday, Aug. 1. There will be lectures by Jimmy Schmidt of the London Chop House.

You can have all the Pesto Genovese you can eat, plus salads and a pot of basil to take home for \$10. Check for reservation is due by July 14. With our many local classes in

Maria Zervos named 'Youth of the Year'

Maria P. Zervos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Zervos of Southfield, has been given the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church "Youth of the Year Award." The award was presented by Father S. J. Anthony and Maria P. Zervos, president of Holy Cross Ladies Auxiliary, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy Sunday.

The award was established in 1973 by the auxiliary and is given annually to the high-school graduate who has best put into practice the Christian principles of the orthodox faith.

Zervos is a member of the graduating class of '82, Our Lady of Mercy High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned a Merit Scholarship to Wayne State University's School of Engineering. She currently is serving as co-president of the Junior Greek Orthodox Youth of America in her home-church chapter. During Memorial weekend she assisted in the operation of five booths, manned by the young people of Holy Cross, during the Greek Ethnic Festi-



Maria Zervos

val in Hart Plaza. Zervos will spend her summer in Greece, attending Ionian Village and visiting friends and relatives there.

Bible school begins June 21

St. John Lutheran Church opens Vacation Bible School from 9:11 a.m. June 21-25. The church is at 2325 Gill.

The vacation school is open to all area youngsters from 3-years-old through sixth grade.

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