

It's dream time for rose fanciers

When we become interested in gardening as a hobby the door of opportunity opens wide. We are living in such a thrilling world with rapid strides being made in the fields of science and industry. It is important to have our minds alert and ready to march in step with the times.

Gardening is a tonic providing happiness, promoting health, and contentment the whole year long.

Winter gardening with house plants is fun when you become a "horse trader." The object is to collect specimens, propagate them and swap them with other eager collectors.

African violets can be multiplied by placing a leaf in a fruit juice glass of water with a wax paper stretched over the top of the glass (like a drum, and secured by a rubber band) with holes punched in the paper, for the leaves to be held in place.

MOST HOUSE plants can be propagated by breaking a branch at the joint, placing the cutting in vermiculite or damp sand as a rooting medium. Later, when roots have formed it can be placed in rich, well-drained soil. It is against the rule "to peek" at the cutting for at least three weeks to see if the process is successful.

This is an ideal time to seek a plant of epiphyllum. Recalling many years of watching the large plant belonging to Alice Close, I telephoned her for her sage advice in developing a huge plant with so many flowers.

"It takes approximately three to six months for buds to form and the plant prefers a cool spot and sun is not a requirement," she said. "The flowers themselves will last approximately two weeks. They do not have a scent and the plant has rosey-



down to earth
Alice
Burlingame

pink flowers. The soil itself is kept moderately moist. Remember to keep the plant where it receives light but no sun."

You can be sure I will try to get a cutting from Mrs. Close as I have sold myself on an epiphyllum plant just talking about it.

This time of year garden writers are deluged with material about which plant won in competition from the many categories on the commercial market. As I look at their "faces, the All-American Rose Selections three winners look like cousins. Basically they are all coral, rosey-pink.

"Broadway" is a bi-color hybrid tea with 4-4 1/2 inch blooms on sturdy stems and is fragrant.

"Touch of Class" is a hybrid tea with a unique coral and cream color with blooms 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 inches. It is ideal for cut flower use.

"Voodoo" the third winner, is another hybrid tea with a blend of yellow, peach and orange bluing to scarlet. It is sweetly scented with the blooms averaging 5-6 inches.

A most informative leaflet "Roses are for You," free, may be secured by sending a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to: All-American Rose Selections, RR 1-Box 740, Palmyra, Ind. 47164.

Sweet dreams, rose lovers.

Artists invited to submit slides

The Michigan Commission on Art in Public Places is sponsoring a national competition for the commissioning of artwork(s) for the new Olympic Training Center in Marquette.

Selected as one of three U.S. winter training centers it will be part of a planned complex scheduled for construction on Northern Michigan University campus.

A jury of six representatives of the national art community, including three from Michigan, will make the initial selection for the artwork(s) through 35 mm slide viewing. Final determination of awards will be made by members of the Commission on Art in Public Places.

Professional artists from all states are invited to submit six slides of recent works along with other necessary entry materials. Artist information forms and guidelines can be obtained by calling Marilyn Farber, program coordinator, at the Commission office 256-2800, or by writing to the Commission on Art in Public Places, 1200 Sixth Ave., Suite P-120, Detroit 48226.

Entry packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, Feb. 7, or delivered to the Commission's office by 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10. Slides will not be returned but will be filed in the Commission's Slide Bank. This bank is used as a resource in selecting artists whose works could be commissioned for future public buildings.

The Commission on Art in Public Places is a recently activated state agency established by the Michigan Legislature. Its mission is "to encourage integration of art and public places."

Speaking on roses

The Detroit Rose Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Community Room at Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile and Telegraph, Southfield.

The subject is: "Everything you wanted to know about Old Garden Roses, but were reluctant to ask."

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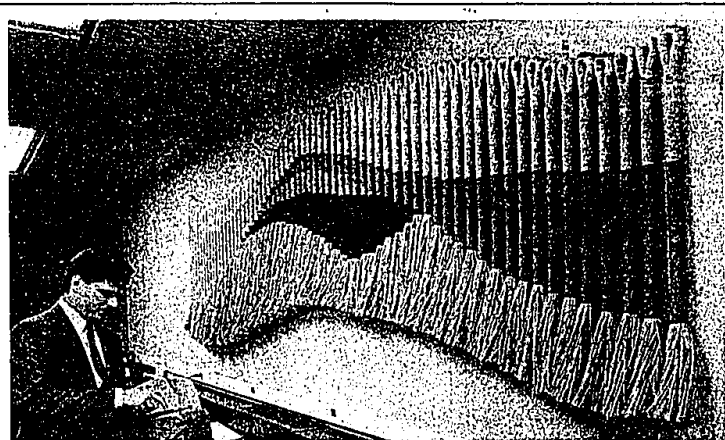
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Welcome addition to banking atmosphere

A wrapped fiber sculpture by Birmingham fiber artist Jane Knight was recently installed in a new Manufacturers bank branch, 1749 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The subtle shading of the large work ranges from a cream through peach and a soft light rust to what in

certain lights looks to be a deep purple. While the entire work is the same dimension, it appears to take on depth in the middle. That's assistant manager Mark Jannott busy at work.

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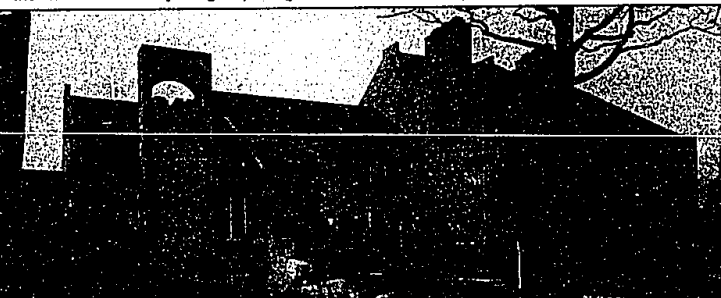
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