

Planning for garden pleasure

Gardeners are receiving the bonus of lovely spring color as the result of far-sightedness for having purchased and planted bulbs last year.

In the fall it is a temptation to overload our garden space, especially if you have a city lot and plant it with a variety of bulbs. I guess that psychology is acceptable because if you are an inveterate gardener you are always looking ahead to promote beauty in your garden to the maximum.

Today we are facing forward in our planning in order to have beauty in both the front and rear of our properties. I want you to go across the street from your residence and look at your home site objectively.

As you do this take paper and pencil so that your evaluation of the front view of your domicile satisfies you and will be a silent greeting to all who pass by. You may feel that immediate pruning is called for to improve the appearance of your shrubs and trees.

THE PRUNING of large shrubs and trees may increase the value of your property so it won't look its age. Good grooming from all four

perimeters of your home will help your investment maintain its value.

It is now time to stand near your home structure at the rear of your property and look toward your distant property line. Does it look interesting? If you are close to neighbors in that location do you desire more privacy?

There are ways to achieve this privacy by the planting of columnar evergreens or shrubs which will grow dense. It is a matter of choice and financial outlay.

MANY OF our residential lots are controlled by rulings as to choice of barriers between property. You can control traffic by fencing, but in many instances fencing would be an eyesore unless you landscape the barriers.

Many of our readers have large lots in the hills where careful planning has resulted in being able to achieve privacy by thoughtful landscaping. Often a pet animal has had free rein all over the neighborhood. An attractive barrier will assist you in being a good neighbor as you enjoy the companionship of the pet member of your family.



down to earth Alice Burlingame

In our country we like to have a patio at the rear of our home as a place for relaxation and enjoyment of the rear gardens.

For maximum benefit it is important for the home owner to plan on privacy for relaxed hours in this location. It often makes me smile as I visit rear terraces and catch the enthusiasm of the owners as they "enrich their kingdom."

YOU MAY WISH to go to our local library to find a garden book to guide you in a plan for a maximum enjoyment of your privacy. There are books about the pruning of trees and shrubs and the care of your

bulbs after they have flowered.

When the foliage of your bulbs have turned yellow it is time to cut them to ground level. This is the sign that the bulbs have been enriched by good soil and have taken on the state of dormancy.

In the remainder of the spring season we will be sharing guidelines to help you achieve beauty, privacy and pleasure in your yard.

Alice Wessels Burlingame has degrees in horticulture and landscape architecture and is considered a pioneer in horticulture therapy. She has written "Down to Earth" every week since 1949.

Mullens again chair village antique show

It's a wise group that doesn't tamper with success. For the second year Mr. and Mrs. William Mullens of Birmingham are chairing the Village Antique Show at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village May 15-18.

Working with them this year as co-chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randa of Royal Oak.

This is the working group, the people who mentally and physically put this show together. And the Mullens have a proven track record, their first show last year established it as one of the top five antique events in the country.

And again this year, J. Jordan Humberstone is manager of the show, organized and sponsored by the President's Society of The Edison Institute for the benefit of the museum and village.

There will be at least 45 exhibitors from 20 states and Canada showing furniture, accessories, paintings, glass, ceramics, jewelry, toys, tex-

tiles, clocks watches and automotive ephemera.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Dr. Robert Bishop, formerly with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, now director of the Museum of American Folk Art of New York City, will give a lecture on "Collecting Folk Art: The Best of the Past for the Future." The \$5 ticket includes a coffee and pastry reception, preceding the event in the Henry Ford Museum Theater.

Preview Night is Thursday, May 17 for benefactors (\$100 each) and patrons (\$75). Benefactors are welcome at 6 p.m. and patrons at 7 p.m. Tickets include buffet dinner, open bar and an opportunity to preview the show in Lovett Hall.

For information about preview or lecture tickets, call 271-6820, Ext. 214. Regular admission is \$5. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. It is being held in Lovett Hall, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Chamber Players at Franklin church

The Renaissance City Chamber Players will give a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy, Franklin.

Contributions of \$3 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students will be used for the church's organ replacement fund. Refreshments will be served after the performance. For tickets, call the church office, 626-6696.

The chamber group of 11 string

players is led by Misha Rachlevsky, artistic director. As one of only two full time chamber ensembles of its kind in the country, it has performed on tour in Europe to international acclaim.

This year, the ensemble will be performing in many parts of the United States. The musicians were chosen through auditions held in several major American cities and are graduates of prestigious music schools.

Moms rate extra time

Moms rate extended hours at Meadow Brook Hall Sunday in honor of Mothers Day.

The 100-room mansion will open a half-hour early to allow extra time for both touring and dining in the magnificent opulence of the Dodge mansion.

A special Mother's Day buffet will be available for guests touring the hall, with children's rates for both tours and buffet. The hall will be

open 12:30-5 p.m. No reservations are required.

Admission to the hall is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens over 64 and \$2 for children under 13. The buffet is \$6.95 for adults and \$3.50 for children. For more information, call 370-3140.

Meadow Brook Hall is on the campus of Oakland University, off I-75 at the university exit.

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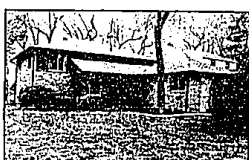
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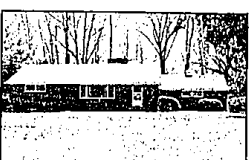
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