

Terrariums appeal to all ages

Here's an interesting fact to share with all our gardening friends. The earth is 7,927 miles in diameter and you have the challenge to beautify your corner of it.

This is a good time to collect pictures and ideas to stimulate your planning for 1987. Many of our readers enjoy day-dreaming in the winter about new ideas to develop in their gardens the following spring. So, we will try to constantly feed you concepts to improve your gardening performance.

Colorado Quartet is series guest

The Colorado Quartet will make its Detroit debut on the Chamber Music Society series at Orchestra Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21.

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Containers can range from fishbowls to glass bottles or jugs. A lightly tinted glass can be used but avoid dark colored containers.

When choosing plants, keep in mind not to use too many. Any plants which grow in light intensity and are not too large at maturity can be used. Ferns, mosses, baby's tears, peperomia are terrarium candidates.

To insure proper drainage within the terrarium, first add a layer of pebbles or gravel followed by a thin layer of untreated charcoal (for fish aquarium filters). Your soil mix should be moist and finely textured. Add this to the terrarium and gently pack it down. Dig small holes for the plants and place them in the desired locations. Firm the soil just enough to hold plants in place.

The terrarium should be watered very carefully. Too much will ruin it. So water sparingly and remember, more can be added, but excess water cannot be removed. Trickle water down the side or use a baster.

Interest can be created by adding unusual stones, wood, a small ceramic bird, frog or other animal. Be careful, though, not to take away from the natural beauty of tropical plants.

The terrarium can be placed upright or laid on the side (especially nice if a large jug is used). Place a piece of clear plastic or glass over the opening to keep the moisture in the container.

Every so often remove this cover — you don't want to have too much moisture in the terrarium.

This project will appeal to all ages — children, homebound, elderly and folks like you and me.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. May this day help us remember the generations, who through the years have gathered together at this time to give thanks for their blessings.

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