



Gardening briefs

THERE ARE perennials plants that will attract butterflies to your garden. Among them are butterfly weed, false indigo, valerian, turtlehead, black snakeroot, tickseed, purple coneflower, pink jewel fleabane, assorted daylilies, evergreen candytuft, honesty, purple loosestrife, Cambridge scarlet monarda, forget-me-not, scabiosa and showy sedum.

Some perennial garden plants are better than others to provide fresh flower bouquets in the home.

They include hardy Marguerite, McKane hybrid columbine, campanula, pink and red carnations, Diener's double shasta daisy, delphinium (larkspur), bleeding heart, purple coneflower, gaillardia, baby's breath, Orange sunflower, feverfew, peony, balloon flower, salvia superbly.

HOUSE PLANTS usually do most of their growing during the long days of summer, so late winter or early spring is generally a good time to repot those that have outgrown their containers.

The best way to tell whether plants are root-bound is to tip them out of

their pots and examine the rootballs. If the ball of soil is a mass of roots, with little soil visible, it's time for a new pot.

In extreme cases, plants may push themselves right up out of their containers. repot in fresh soil in the next larger sized pot.

Plants that have been doing poorly should perk up under the combined influence of increased light and more root space.

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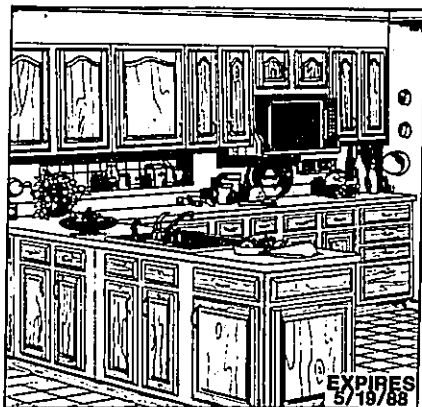
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