

Suburban Gardener

Picks The Top 10 Deciduous Shrubs

By BETTY FRANKEL
Academy awards were given out recently for the best motion pictures and actors — Why not some "Oscars" for the best shrubbery?

Here are some candidates for the 10 best deciduous shrubs of this year — or any year. They put on an outstanding performance, are hardy, dependable, long lasting. Each one is a star and taken as a group they'll provide year around beauty for your yard.

PORSYTHIA is nominated for its golden yellow flowers that are the sign that spring has really arrived. It grows in any soil. Although it flowers best in full sun, it will tolerate partial shade.

LILACS are prized for their fragrant flowers and nostalgic charm. The common lilac grows 15 feet high, but the Persian lilac (*Syringa persica*) is rarely over 10 feet. It has smaller leaves, too,

making it better for general landscape use in a shrub border. Look for the dwarf Korean lilacs only a few feet tall and for the Japanese lilac which is a thirty-foot tree.

Azaleas are elegant accent plants with gorgeous blooms in a wide array of colors. Most prefer a sunny exposure and require acid soil rich in humus. Choose hardy native species such as Flame azalea and Pinxter flower, Kurume azaleas from Japan, or Ghent hybrids or Mollis hybrids.

MOCK-ORANGE has a profusion of sweet scented white flowers in late May and June that make charming indoor arrangements. One of the best is virginal mock-orange (*Philadelphus virginialis*) which is six or eight feet tall.

BEAUTY BUSH (*Kolkwitzia amabilis*) is a veritable bower of delicate pink blooms in early June. This hardy shrub is about eight feet tall

and grows best in poor infertile soil in full sun. Good drainage and air circulation are important.

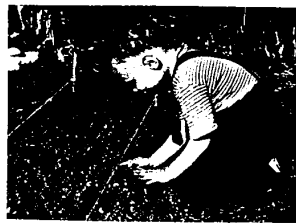
HONEYSUCKLES have a rather dense twiggy form that are valued by many kinds of birds. Morrow honeysuckle has cream white flowers and Tatarian honeysuckle has rose, pink or white flowers.

COTONEASTERS are among the choicest shrubs for landscape use. The foliage is small, dark green and glossy, and although the flowers are inconspicuous the bright red fruits are very decorative. They prefer well drained soil and a sunny location.

BURNING BUSH (*Euonymus alatus*) blazes in September when the leaves turn a beautiful ruby red which shows to perfection against a white or gray building or with a background of evergreens. During winter corky ridges along the twigs add interest as do the orange fruits like those of bittersweet.

VIBURNUM form a large family of beautiful shrubs. Their fragrant viburnums (*V. Carlesii* and *V. Caricephalum*) can perfume the entire garden in early spring. The Japanese snowball (*V. tomentosum*) is loved for its white flowers in May.

RED STEM DOGWOOD is an outstanding candidate because of the glowing color its branches provide in winter. They are unforgettable seen against the snow and add zest when displayed with an evergreen background.



CHILD'S PLAY — This little boy is planting beans — one of the very easiest vegetables to grow — in his own garden. Several other vegetables are also especially good for children's gardens because they do not require the perfect gardener to make them grow.

Youngsters Enjoy Vegetable Garden

Even if its only a four foot by six-foot space behind the garage, your youngster will enjoy growing the easiest vegetables.

Of course, if the soil is what the builder left, you'll have to turn it over to loosen it and help the child rake it smooth for a seedbed.

But some vegetables will grow with no more preparation than that. Among the easiest are beans, radishes and leaf lettuce, so, if your soil isn't that mythical "friable loam," let your child start gardening with the three vegetables named, then their fingers out of it. But stay away, except for giving advice and do that only when asked. Let your youngster make his own mistakes.

Then he won't make them a second time, for seeds and plants are living things and react promptly to good treatment — or lack of it.

Mortgage Money Easy; Good Time To Buy

Mortgage money will be easier to borrow this spring than at any time since the mid-1960s, but mortgage interest rates are not likely to go much lower in the near future and could even start edging back up.

This assessment of the financing outlook for home buyers is from Lewis S. Eaton, president of the United States Savings and Loan League, and president of the Fresno Guarantee Savings and Loan Association, Fresno, Calif.

Savings and loan associations are by far the nation's biggest private source of home credit. They hold more than \$150 billion in mortgages, and the league's nearly 5,000 member-institutions account for 97 percent of the nation's savings and loan assets.

"Reports from all over the country say you'd have to go back to pre-inflation years for a time when opportunities for qualified buyers to arrange home financing have been as good as they are now," Eaton said.

buildup of savings at our institutions during the winter, due more to a slowdown in savings withdrawals than to an increase in new savings."

Eaton said that between now and the end of June, associations will be repaying two to three billion dollars to their regional home loan banks. These unusually large repayments will stem from a special government program last spring, when money was much tighter. The program was designed to encourage associations to retain borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Banks and thus aid the starving mortgage market.

Because of recent savings build-up, a considerable portion of these loans will be paid off in the next several months.

Eaton also noted that mortgage interest rates can't go down much further unless interest rates paid to savers go down.

The league president said that most home buyers today are borrowing on more preferential terms than are the nation's largest companies.

"In short, with mortgage money as available as it is today, anyone who finds a home he wants and can afford will have nothing to lose by buying now."



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