# Get foreign exchange of garden information



"Hardy Her-baceous Perenni-als," Leo Jelitto and Wilhelm and Wilhelm Schacht (Timber Press, \$125 per set), is so com-plete that it con-sists of two vol-

wists of two volumes.

The original ditions were in German and have been used by Continental plantamen for 40 years. Now available in English, the encyclopedia has been updated to include the latest plant introductions in the United States and the United Kingdom. Another benefit to American gardeners is the USDA hardiness zones that are included.

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The 809 genera, 4,286 species, subspecies, varieties and hybrids, and 3,617 cultivars were chosen because they were hardy in tem-perate latitudes and are garden-worthy. Some species were in-cluded because of their botanical interest or their importance to the

ecology.

Descriptions of all the plants are most understandable. Site locations and specific instructions are given so that the gardener will be successful. Anyone who is interested in and wants to learn more about perennials will find a

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"The Why and How of Home Horticulture," D.R. Biens (Freeman, \$37.50), was written when the author discovered that a suitable textbook wasn't available for an elective course on horticulture. This book can be used as a textbook, but, more important, it explains to the home gardener, in layman's terms, correct horticulture practices.

You will learn when to do specific tasks in any type of garden situation, with ornamentals, vegetables, trees, shrubs, all plants, learn about pruning, propagation and so moth more, indions or out. All are included. In short, this book should be on all gardeners' bookshelves.

"Easy Care Shade Flowers," Patricia A. Taylor (Fireside, \$14, soft), concentrates on small gardens. All parts of the country have been visited, and descriptions and photos abound with ideas. Lists of plants for specific areas of the country have been obtained from institutions (Michigan State University is included). Lots of information in a small book.

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spot in their library for this important set of books.

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Everything You Always Wanted To Know

way. information about these plants.

"The Evening Garden: Flowers Before you select a purpleleaf

plum for your landscape, read this most comprehensive book and show it to your nurseyman. Jacobson includes personal ob-servations and some historical data about these trees that were first exported from the Shah of Persia's garden in the late 19th century.

Persia's garden in the late 19th century.

Sunset Books has just released "Herbes Growing and Using Them Today" (\$8.99, soft). This is good basic information, especially beginners. My eye caught the photo of the herb garden at Cranbook (page 10) that is maintained by members of the Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America Inc.

#### TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

■ Pinch back the candles (new growth at the end of the branches) of pine trees to control the growth of the plant. Remove part of the candle for moderate growth, or the

entire candle for branched com-pact growth.

When you plant petunias, pinch off the blossoms right away for fuller plants, then pinch a sec-ond time after they have bloomed.

Shrubs that have finished flowering can be pruned. Cut out ons-third of the old stems to en-courage new growth.

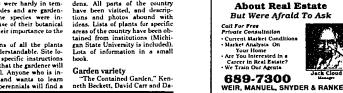
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Plant annuals in containers and hanging baskets.

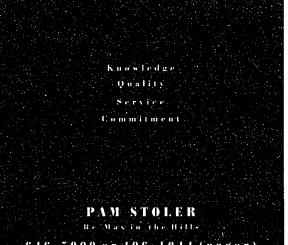
Pertilize peonies with a top-dressing of bone meal or well-drecomposed manure mixed with good, rich compost.

Set out tomato, eggplant and pepper seedlings.

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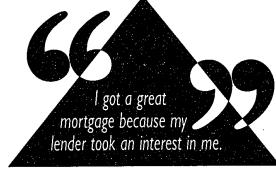
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