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beap. Scenes are painted on the bodies, while the handles and legs are in gold. "Artificial Lure" features a fisherman on one side and a woman on the other. Its handle (with a crocodile head) and feet (with claws on the toes) are in gold. "Feathered Serpent" bears scenes with astronauts on the body and an ancient drawing of a serpent creature around the neck just below the lid.

Spouting off: *Liz Quackenbush's teapots consist of gold luster, terracotta and majolica glazes. Patterns are different on the spout, handles and body.*

Quackenbush's teapots combine gardening and art, consisting of terracotta, gold luster and majolica glazes. The tops of two pots look like vegetation, and flower designs adorn the surfaces of other pieces. Patterns on the handle and spout of another are different from the design on the body. Another teapot seems to be breaking out of a container.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (810) 544-3388.

Garden walk slated July 13

Some of Northville's award-winning "Gardens of the Month" will be on special display 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, as the Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, hosts its first garden walk.

Refreshments will be served at Mill Race Village, which has outstanding gardens. Mill Race Village is near the old Ford plant, north of east Main on Griswold. Presale tickets, $7 each, are available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Bookstall on the Main. Tickets on tour day, available at Mill Race, are $8 each.

A hot-off-the-press earth-friendly garden tips book will be offered for sale. The 200-page book includes many tried and true gardening tips from the club's 23 members. Other gardening items will be available at Mill Race.

Severe weather date is Thursday, July 14.

Daylilies from page 1D

of fun — it's always nice to go out in the garden and find something that you've created, and a lot of times you're surprised," Surmont said.

Both agree that color, size, shape, distinct features, number of blooms and longer bloom period, and reblooming characteristics are important in breeding these flowers. There are so many possible variations of them that it is mind-boggling.

For instance, diploid types have 22 chromosomes, while the tetraploid types have 44, the result of the poison colchicum, from the autumn crocus, applied to the growing tip of the diploid types at ground level. This makes the possibilities endless.

There are several different categories of daylilies. The blooms of miniatures are three inches across, the small are three to five inches, then the larger regular daylily is next.

There are doubles and spiders. The spiders have petals that are five times longer than they are wide. The petal must be five inches long to be a true spider; some are longer. Daylilies have different-colored throats and eyes — there are a myriad of shades to enjoy. Thousands of plants will be ready to be enjoyed July 16.

In addition, many other perennials, under the care of Betty Sterley of Beverly Hills, are on display — but that's another interesting story.

Surmont became interested in daylilies from Olson. After four years of hybridizing, he has 10,000 growing in his home garden, and the number keeps growing.

Process

The process sounds simple. He says it is easy to do. He keeps track of at least one parent by tagging the plant.

Select two plants that you like something special about and transfer the powdery pollen from the anthers with your fingers and rub in on the sticky pistil of another flower. The best time is around 8 a.m., but all must be dry or the pollen will be destroyed. If it rains several hours later, it may still take.

After the flower dries up, if all goes well, in about three to four days a pod will start to form, indicating success. This seed pod encloses all the genes and will get about the size of a third of a golf ball. Then in two to three months, when it starts to dry, it can be broken off the plant and put in an envelope for another couple of days.

By that time it will split totally open and the five to 20 seeds will fall out. Put the seeds in an envelope after they are dry and store them in the refrigerator for the winter.

Surmont has had success with storing them in a drawer in his basement, and although germination might not have been so high, it was good enough for the number of crosses he makes.

Planting

Seeds can be planted outdoors in the spring but do better in our climate in the greenhouse or sown outdoors in the fall.

In the greenhouse he plants the seeds in a flat between December and March, 300 seeds per flat. In three weeks they start to sprout, and he sets them out in the garden in the spring six inches apart.

The rest in the refrigerator makes the seeds go dormant, but another way to handle this situation is to sow the seeds directly in the garden in the fall, as late as November. Plant them in a prepared bed, in furrowed rows, one-half inch apart, or even touching, one-fourth inch deep. They will start coming up in mid-April the following year and can then be transplanted to six inches apart in August.

Either way they are started, greenhouse or directly in the garden, the seedlings won't bloom the first year. They need two growing seasons to bloom. After they are set out in the spring, or come up from their ground bed, they will grow through the summer, then the following summer probably about 60 percent or more will bloom, Surmont said. The following year the remainder will bloom.

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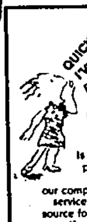

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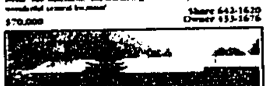

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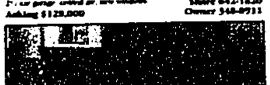

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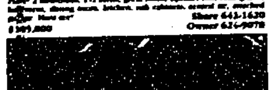

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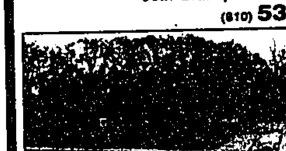

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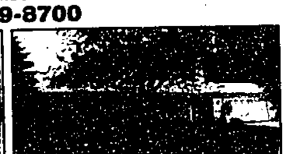

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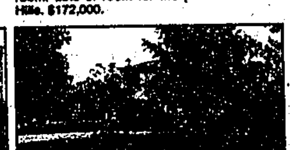

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