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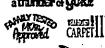
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GARDEN SPOT

Learning about succulents



Last fall I made a wreath of succulents and kept it indoors all winter, then I put it out in the garden in a cement bird bath where it remains. It absorbs the rain that collects in the shallow bowl, so additional wa-

bowl, so additional warmer bowl, so additional warmer bridgers a minimal. I used a wire form to hold it all together, sot the form on damp sheet moss and put damp potting soil down the middle of the moss, then pulled the moss up and around the frame. I secured this tightly

around the frame. I secured this tightly with florists' wire.

I poked holes into the center of the affair and gently set each plant in place, starting at the inner edge. Sedum tricolor, Crassulacce, ringed the inner and outer edgea. Other plants I used were Jade, Crassula arborencens, Houselecks, Sempervivum tectorum, Haworthis and Sedum, Autumn Joy. The triciper sedum didn't survive the

Haworthia and Sedum, Autumn Joy. The tricolor sedum didn't survive the winter, but I can add more now.

These plants are but a minute number in the genus of succulents, which by definition possess at least one succlent tissue that can store water to be used when the root can't bring water from the soil. It's fun to learn about the request sumset when a Canaphytum. unusual names such as Conophytum, Cotyledon, Euphorbia, Gasteria and Lithops that have been given to these

There are perennials as well as annuals in the genus. Some of the annual succulents have organs below the soil surface to protect them from stresses of wind and predators. Another interesting wind and predators. Another interesting fact is that some of the plants, Lithops, for example, have no stem, and the leaves grow hidden in the soil. Many have beautiful blooms.

Photosynthesis is performed by the green stems. The holes in the leaves (stomata) of these plants are usually re-

duced compared to most other leaves.

The explanation of why and how this The explanation of why and how this occurs is contained in the book "Succulents: The Illustrated Dictionary," Maurizio Sajeva and Mariangela Costanro (Timber Press, \$39.95). The pages are filled (six per page) with photographs and short descriptions of more than 1,200 species and varieties from 195 different genera. Timber Press books can be ordered by calling (800)



327-5680 or from your favorite book

Many of these plants are well known

Kalanchoe, Aloe and Yucca, for example — while others are very rare. For those of you who want to learn more about these plants, this book will teach

you.

If you choose to make a wreath, especially as a gift, it's always nice to include some history about it. Circles or rings have had a mythical potency for mankind throughout history. The circle signifies love, protection, friendship, rebirth, even life itself.

Since early times wreaths were made of plants such as laurel, oak leaves, grasses and crops (corn, bailey). Now borwood, spruce, pine, holly, juniper and herbs such as lavender, thyme, rosemary, sage, horehound, rue, sweet

resemary, sage, herehound, rue, sweet woodruff and other green plants are used. Vinca and pachysandra stay ever-green, and many of the plant may even

root.

Keep the wreath on a round tray with low sides. A deli tray is ideal. Stainless, pewer and glass are all fine, too. Water the wreath each week. Don't mist succulents because it encourages shallow rooting. If the wreath is in a sunny spot, it may need water every three days. Don't let it dry out. You can either pour water around the wreath or soak it in a large tub. Don't fertilize the first year, then apply liquid house plant food, % atrength, when you fertilize the other house plants. Prune if necessary.

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Succulent wroath: Succulents make attractive arrangements.