

INTERIOR IDEAS

with Kasey Pierson, A.S.I.D.



COMING TO TERMS WITH COLOR

If you are confused by the word "hue," rest assured that it is simply another word for "color." Beyond that every hue has a "visual temperature." Because red, yellow, and orange are warm and lively, they are referred to as advancing colors - they seem nearer than they are. Blue, green, and violet are cool and tranquil and are often called receding colors because they appear to be far away. Then there is the intensity of a color, which is its degree of purity, or saturation. While both robin's egg blue and indigo are technically blue, they differ in their intensity. "Value" is the amount of light and dark in a color. Color with white added is a "tint," while color plus black is a "shade."

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grow them from seed, tissue culture, cuttings and grafting.

Jaynes has been researching and growing these evergreen, flowering shrubs for 35 years, and has received awards for his work.

"Start With the Soil," Grace Gershuny (Rodale, \$14.95, paper), explains in layman's terms the "nitty-gritty" about soil life and fertility and how to care for it.

Rather than chemical the soil to death, the alternatives are to nourish it to make it able to naturally care for the plants that are grown in it.

Among the chapters are: Humus and Soil Health, Balancing Soil Chemistry

and Fertility, Overcoming Problem Soils, and the type of soil needed by Vegetables, Flowers, Lawns, Trees and Shrubs as well as those grown in pots.

This book is "The Organic Gardener's Guide to Improving Soil for Higher Yields, More Beautiful Flowers, and a Healthy, Easy-care Garden."

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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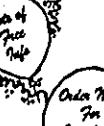
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