

■ Mixing the old and new will remind you of the relaxed charm of the garden you love.

For AP Weekly Features

Enjoy this season as a time to browse thrift shops and antique

create a focal point in a neutral room, and include touches of patterned fabric. If bold isn't your style, fashion a restful, quiet spot with soft backgrounds and painted white furniture. Many shades of white, taupe and soft green work well together in subtle rooms.

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

in the title.

Annuals, perennials

Both books follow the same format, beginning with a general overview of the plants, proper soil conditions, composting, seeding and planting instruc-

Practical information about new cultivars and many old favorites will open a new world of ideas for the gardener. The encyclopedic section describes more than 4,000 plants with growing tips and how to use them in the landscape, suitable companion plants and how the plants got their names. Plants are listed with botanical names, pronunciation guides and the families to which they belong.

Herbs, art

All parts of each plant, tree, shrub, herbaceous perennial, annual and biennial, and other herbs are clearly photographed. This makes identification quite easy. The book is full of information and Bremness explains how herbs have been used in cooking, as medicinals, in cosmetics and grown in herb gardens.



PHOTO BY MARTY FICHA

Beckoning back yard:
*This book will help you
create a user-friendly
back yard.*

The first American edition was published in 1994; this edition was reprinted with corrections in 2000, the editorial con-

This has excellent advice for any wildflower enthusiast. Culina is the nursery manager and propagator at the Garden in the Woods of the New England Wild Flower Society.

"For the purpose of this work 'native' means plants growing in North America prior to European settlement."

Also featured are instructions on how to attract specific species of birds and butterflies to supply food and shelter and how to restore habitats by using land type-specific wood, plants, and where to find the right "native" for a garden. Look for this winner soon.

Painting Flowers in Water colour: A Naturalistic Approach, Coral G. Guest (Timber Press, \$19.95), is a treasure of beautiful art work using "modern style of flower painting."

Guest's aim is to capture the spirit and luminescence of the flower while still being botanically correct. She has organized her techniques so that an artist of any skill can follow the instructions and has included practical advice, such as materials, equipment and ideas of where to find subject material.

The book is published in association with The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

GOOD GARDEN TIP

Branch Tree Service Inc. of Warren and Royal Oak has alerted us that the deadly disease, Ash Yellow, is making inroads in destroying our ash trees. Usually found in white ash, it has also been found in green ash. Have your trees inspected by a qualified arborist now.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her message by dialing (734) 955-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 641-1314.

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