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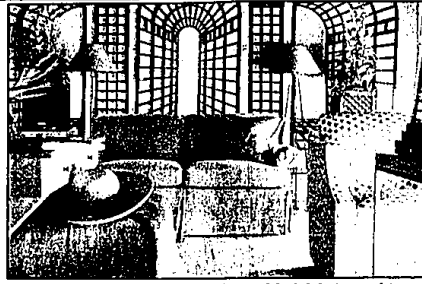
lighter colors.
Pink daylilies need to be planted in full sun to obtain their beautiful pink coloring.
Any good ground soil is appropriate for growing daylilies.
Humus or peat moss and sand should be added to heavy clay soil.
Compost must be incorporated into sandy soil to lessen its porosity and to increase water retention.
Daylilies should be planted

in well-drained soil. One method of achieving adequate drainage in problem areas is to prepare raised beds, 3 to 6 inches above ground level.
Daylilies don't grow well near broadleaf trees, such as oaks, since the tree roots rob the soil of nutrients and moisture.
Daylilies perform admirably near and under pine trees. The daylilies benefit from the dappled shade offered by the pines and aren't denied the proper

moisture and nutrients, since the pine's root system is deep in the soil.
Daylilies are a great blooming accent plant. First check the height you want. Put taller plants in the back of beds, shorter in the front.
Next look for color. Gilbert Wild and Son recommends planting in groups of three for a more dramatic effect.
Daylilies can be moved at any time.

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art work and actual leaves in Kyoto into a leaf design.
The new collection is made up of 12 original patterns in five color themes. Its five design themes include Garden Room and Design Studio.
Garden Room works with the trend of blending the indoors and outdoors in home design. Many of the Garden Room pieces look like silk or homespun wool. Design Studio displays hand-loomed and men's suit textures.
The other themes are Ruggiero's original Boulevard, Euro Country and Spice styles.
Boulevard is contemporary in tone, with sophisticated geometric patterns, a hand-woven tulip print (the tulip has long been a favorite art form of Ruggiero for his paintings and watercolors), and oversized windowpane checks.
Euro Country is inspired by Swedish art and decorations, often with an antique element. Among the patterns are blue and white reproductions of



Garden Room: Joe Ruggiero has added fabrics to his designs for the home, seen at the Joseph A. Keenan Studio Collection in Birmingham. Garden Room, one of the styles, works with the trend of blending the indoors and outdoors.

antique country quilts, hand-embroidered looks in rural floral and scattered leaf designs, large squares and wide stripes.

Spice conveys an exotic Asian feel, with Chinese red lacquer prints, and the look of hand-embroidered Chinese silk.

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viding specialty gardening catalogs with stock. He said it's no secret that the flowers are popular.
"They're gorgeous and easy to maintain," he said. "They come in many different variations; purple, pink, red - everything but blue and white."
They also come in different flower configurations, with different shapes to the blooms of different strains.
"The plants require little along the lines of care other than watering and basic weeding. A true perennial, the plants return every year and grow bigger."

started ordering from catalogs," he said. "I like them, they're easy to transplant, easy to maintain and easy to grow."
Branchick collects the plants and arranges them in his backyard planters by color. As the flowers spread, he moves the borders of his planting areas to accommodate.
He said he'll be moving those borders again and again in the future.
"I will add more varieties," Branchick said. "I like being outside and watching things grow. This is a nice hobby."

"Some breeders are working to create new colors, others are breeding for longevity of the bloom," Bordine said. "There are new breeds coming out every year."
He said new breeds like Stella D'Oro (yes, just like the cookie) and Rosy Return are offering longer-lived blooms while Ice Carnival was bred for its fragrance and near-white coloration.
While the plants will grow most anywhere, Bordine said there are a few things people can do to make sure their plants get the best start possible. He suggested planting new lilies in composted manure or sphagnum peat to nurture the plant, hold in moisture and aerate the soil around it.
Those interested in attending the convention and going on the bus tour can register online at daylilyclub.com or by calling Nikki Smith at (248) 739-9006.
The cost for the weekend is \$190 and includes two lunches, two dinners, bus tours and continental breakfast.

Jones said the plants require some additional maintenance after a few years, needing to be split into smaller plants to encourage further growth.
Mike Branchick of Sterling Heights said a friend got him interested in the flowers by giving him some plants 10 years ago. Now, he has 25 different varieties of daylilies in his backyard.
"My friend gave me some cuttings to get me started, then I

Calvin Bordine of Bordine's Nursery in Rochester Hills said they are very easy to grow.
"They are one of the most beautiful low-maintenance perennials," he said. "They grow in almost any soil."
And they've got the lily for you. Bordine's (established in 1938) carries 80 of the more than 50,000 varieties of the plant. If that wasn't enough, Bordine said breeders around the country are coming up with new variations all the time.

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