

These gardening books help explore landscaping ideas

Trees and shrubs are the subjects of several books this month.

The Woody Plant Series consists of three books: *Trees and Shrubs for Flowers, Trees and Shrubs for Foliage*, and *Trees and Shrubs for Fragrance*.

They are written by Glen Church, with photos by Pat Greenfield, and published by Firefly (\$24.95 each, soft).

This is a wonderful series that will help readers find just what they want for their landscape, without having to search several books for answers.

Each entry includes all the botanical information, height, width and hardiness zones. Church's descriptions include personal observations, and Greenfield's photos make you wish you had one of each plant.

New plants as well as old standbys are shown. If you're looking for a specific attribute of a tree or shrub, you'll find it

here. They are beautifully designed. Keep these books near your favorite reading place.

The Encyclopedia of North American Trees, Sam Henkle (Firefly, \$24.95, soft), features 350 color photos with black and white drawings of typical leaf shapes, bark textures, flowers and mature fruit, as well as growing information.

The "story" of each plant and its usefulness in the landscape, such as food for birds and animals, will help the reader make a decision of what to choose.

Fine Gardening's review includes: "For native trees, this is an excellent reference."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families (Fulcrum, \$15.95), is a guidebook of ideas for families to learn about Native American customs, foods and gardening.

Families will learn the basic steps necessary to plan and grow such a garden and complete the yearly gardening cycle. *Stories* focus on Native American cultures and their beliefs.

Families are encouraged to share the stories and to follow

the directions to plant and nurture such a garden and to use the produce. The projects (making a corn husk doll, etc.), are generally done with items found in and around the home. This book could be the source of a wonderful summer of learning together.

Flower Style: The FTD Guide to Flowers in Your Home, Pat Ross (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$29.95), teaches how to create beautiful floral arrangements that could compete with those supplied by professionals.

This is equivalent to a course taught in the classroom. The basic elements of design and the fundamentals of this craft are explained.

Many tips - such as how to keep flowers fresh, and how to select the correct flowers for a specific room or style - are shared.

Arrangements for almost any occasion are illustrated with bright photographs. Color, design, scale, harmony and space are discussed. Amateurs and professionals will learn something from *Flower Style*.

A list of more than 120 varieties of flowers for arranging will help when you order flowers for your home. This is the

first and only book published in full cooperation with FTD.

Stearn's Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners, William T. Stearn (Faber Press, \$19.95), is a must-have for botanists as well as gardeners.

Professor Stearn's extensive knowledge of botanical and horticultural literature and his linguistic ability allowed him to draw on French, Dutch, German, Latin and Swedish sources for this important book.

The meaning and origin of some 6,000 botanical names (those most likely to be encountered by gardeners and horticulturists) fill the pages.

I believe any word in any way associated with botany or gardening is in this book.

Suggestion for garden clubs: Use something from this book at every meeting to enlighten all members of the meanings of the words.

GOODGARDEN WORD

fragrant: fragrant

GOODGARDEN TIP

Visit any English Gardens store and pick up information about Plant a Row for the



This native dogwood is an understory tree that lives at the edge of the woods.

Hungry. A free package of vegetable seeds is included. Join the team.

Plant to share your produce this year with people who need it.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN WALKS/TOURS

Rochester Hills

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm and the Women's National Farm and Garden Association will host a Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 19.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of the event. For an additional \$15, lunch will be available at the Point Creek Elder Mill in Goodison II a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the museum, on Van Hoesen Road off Tenen, 1 mile east of Rochester Road.

They also may be bought by telephone with a credit card, or by check made payable to the City of Rochester Hills and mailed to 1005 Van Hoesen Road, Rochester Hills 48306.

The featured gardens were chosen to inspire and delight visitors with what grows in the back yards of residential areas.

For more information, contact the museum by calling (248) 656-4663 or e-mail rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org, or visit its Web site at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm.

Lathrup Village

The Lathrup Village Home & Garden

Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 21.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 the day

of the tour. Seniors are offered a discounted entry price of \$8. Ticket

vouchers will be available after June 1

at the Lathrup Village City Offices,

27400 Southfield Road, three blocks

north of I-696, between I-1 and I-2 Mile.

This year's tour is the eighth event co-

sponsored by the Lathrup Village

Historical Society and the Village

Gardeners. Call Pat Gore at (248) 559-0488 or

Richard Reeves at (248) 569-5410 for

tickets or tour information.



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