

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel



Do you yearn for a garden that will take care of itself? Do you want a garden that is trouble-free but attractive at all seasons, that thrives on neglect but has flowers from early Spring to late Fall and is not plagued by insects or the rough and tumble games of growing children?

Shrubs can provide the answer for this seemingly unsolvable problem. They can provide the framework or backbone for the garden or they can be a complete garden in themselves. Used singly as a specimen plant a shrub can serve as an interesting garden accent, and massed or grouped they can fill many functions.

Shrubs, or bushes, are defined as woody plants with numerous small stems or branches coming from the same root. Most shrubs are long-lived and can be considered a permanent investment. Unlike trees in only a few years. Most can be transplanted easily even when of large size.

Former generations of gardeners had a hard time deciding which shrubs to plant because nursery selections were limited. A few reliable kinds such as lilac, mockorange, and bridal wreath spruce made up the total selection. Since then, because of the greater interest in home landscaping and the efforts of plant explorers, the nursery catalogs now list hundreds of varieties from all over the world.

NOW THE GARDENER must decide first the function or purpose the plants are to serve. Are they being planted to screen a service area or a driveway? Are they to form a clipped formal hedge, or a loose, undulating border? Shrubs can serve all these functions and many more.

The gardener must choose shrubs from the many kinds available whose size and shape fits the plan. Also choose ones that fit the climate and the situation. Choose shrubs that will naturally, and without any special soil conditioning or pruning, grow into what you want. This is the key to easy gardening with shrubs.

If the shrubs are to be planted in a low wet area consider planting alder, willow shrubs, shrub dogwood, flex or some of the viburnums. Rhododendron and several varieties of laurel can flourish in wet situations.

If a dry area with poor sandy soil is to be planted there are numerous shrubs from which to choose. Barberry, bearberry, shrub birches, Russian olive, honeysuckle, privet, potentilla, beach plum, sumac, viburnum laetana, and shrub roses are but a few that will survive under such conditions. Among the evergreens, junipers grow well in dry sandy soil.

SHRUBS THAT tolerate shade include euonymus radians, flex glabra, mahonia, leucothoe, maris, and spice bush. Shrub dogwoods, witch hazel and numerous viburnums.

If the soil is acid blueberries, azaleas, and rhododendrons will thrive with no special care.

Shrubs that grow well under ordinary garden conditions are exceedingly numerous. A careful selection can provide flowers throughout the growing season. Earliest to bloom, but not frequently planted, are the Japanese witch hazel, Chinese honeysuckle and Cornelian cherry. These are in flower before the winter is barely over. Early Spring finds forsythia, flowering quince, flowering almond, flowering peach, viburnum carlesii, arguta spirea and bridal wreath spirea in bloom. In May lilacs, dogwoods, deutzia, and honeysuckle bloom. June finds blossoms on wigwag, beauty bush, mock orange, and shrub roses. Mid-summer blooming shrubs include spirea maritima and spirea Anthony Waterer, vitex, hydrangea, butterfly bush, and shrub roses. Summertime and bring blue spirea, white last to bloom is the native American witch hazel. These can all provide cut flowers for Spring bouquets, and the early Spring blooming kinds can be forced into blooming indoors during the winter.

Most shrubs can be moved either in Spring or Fall. There are a few exceptions that should be planted only in Spring. These include butterfly bush, abelia, and magnolias. The broadleaf evergreen shrubs should be moved in Spring.

Most shrubs can be moved bare-rooted. The exceptions include cotoneasters, pyracantha, and broad-leaf evergreens. These should be purchased pot-

NFHS Harriers Defeat Groves

North Farmington's harriers last week downed Birmingham Groves by a score of 20 to 23. The meet was run in a severe rain storm. Groves captured first place but the Raiders, led by Rick North, took two through seven.

The J.V.'s also came out on top with a score of 20 to 37.

NORTH FARMINGTON didn't face as well against Clareville, losing by the score of 20 to 23. The Bullhitt twins of Clareville finished first and second, with North Farmington's North trying for third with Clareville's Howell. Daryl Howell is the son of NF's chemistry teacher.

THE RAIDERS' second string team overhauled Oak Park's varsity by the score of 21 to 34. Rowe took first with the time of 11:27.

In the Clareville Invitational Cross Country Run, North Farmington finished fifth out of 14 schools.

RICK NORTH received a trophy for his third place finish in the Cass Benton Park Cross Country Invitational.

In a meet with Thurston, North Farmington's Raiders lost. They were on the high end of a 36 to 23 score. North and Wood captured second and third, respectively, for the Raiders.



MISS BARBARA HART

Historical Society Hears Don McCracken

The Farmington Historical Society heard Mr. Don McCracken Wednesday night.

Son of the long-time Township Supervisor of recent years and owner of "Enterprise" owner, Mr. McCracken reminisced about his early days and the days of his father.

He can trace the McCracken property roots to a John Quincy Adams' signature, and possess the paper to prove it.

From his father's recollections, Mr. McCracken, who is associated with the Pontiac Schools, commented on some early social life in the community. The Young People's Literary Union was one example. At meetings, the kids would get up and recite from literary works. And Pedro Parties, even Community Pedro Parties, were wonderful social gatherings, he said.

HE SPOKE WITH high praise of the "Willing Workers," an organization of women who sponsored potluck and charged 10 cents a person and made money and saved the money from which interest income to Farmington Cemetery property.

Mr. McCracken led next to a discussion of the matter of saving our cemeteries. "I believe it is the duty of each generation to maintain the graves of their fathers," he said. "We are determined to maintain ours the best way we know how." And though he gets donations from as far away as California, he is concerned for the time ahead.

The township attorney, about five years ago, he said, labeled the West-Farmington Cemetery "private" and thus the township crept out from under responsibility. Actually, the cemetery isn't private, he said, lots are still for sale.

Mr. McCracken cited an early entry in the cemetery records which date to 1825 which says the West-Farmington Cemetery was sold of sheep pasturing on the property. This, he implied, won't quite do today.

Two from Farmington Registered Engineers

Two from Farmington were among 370 professional engineers from throughout the state recently registered by the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

The local men registered were Edward R. Betz, 2845 Hawberry, and Tom W. Zoedes, 27931 Farmington Road.

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B.S. Troop 163 Gives Awards

Boy Scout Troop 163 held a Court of Honor on October 26 with awards being presented.

The following scouts were awarded: Tenderfoot rank: Dan Elliott, Andy Dempster, Bill Swan, Paul Smith, Eric Palmer, Bob Schenk, Chip O'Neil, and David DeHann.

Second class ranking went to Dale Shaktoko and Harvey Sell.

Other awards were given as follows: First class — Robert Wale; George Capps, Roger Wale; Star Scout — Roy Adolote, Sylvester Smith; Patrol Leader — George Capps, Jim Dunigan; Assistant Patrol Leader — Roger Wale, Frank Worack, Eric Palmer, Mike Mero.

Merit Badges were awarded to: George Capps (Basketry), Mark Otis (First Aid, Canoeing, Pioneering), Craig McPhail (Fishing), Brian Dobzyniak (Swimming), Lee Nye (First Aid, Leathercraft), Larry Davis (Camping, Leathercraft), Chuck Button (First Aid, Swimming), Bill Bogan (Camping, Leathercraft), Ron Oppenhaus (First Aid, Leathercraft), Sylvester Smith (Reading, Leathercraft, First Aid, Citizenship in the home, Home Repairs), Roy Adolote (Mechanical Drawing, First Aid).

Special recognition awards were presented to George Otis, Classified Ad.

Troop 163 plans an all-day campout on November 7. Instructions in the proper methods for fire-building and pitching of tents will be given.

Michigan Driver Ed. Wins Top Award

Winning the nation's top awards in driver education programs seems to have become an annual event for Michigan. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety which sponsors the yearly National High School Driver Education Achievement Program for the fourth consecutive year awarded Michigan its highest honor: the Award of Excellence.

To qualify for this award, a state must have offered qualifying courses for three consecutive years to 90 per cent of its eligible students.

Something to sell? Sell it for past services to Troop 163 last through an Enterprise were presented to George Otis, Classified Ad.

R. Nique Ends 41-Year Career At Consumers

Ralph W. Nique, 9900 Woodlawn, Livonia, took with him 41 years of personal memories and customer service experience when he retired on November 1.

Nique has been a resident of Livonia for 14 years and is retiring as Division Service Supervisor from the Consumers Power Company — Customer Service Department.

NIQUE'S EARLY experience with the Company dates from 1923 when he joined the Company's Service Department in Pontiac. After 27 years in the Pontiac Division, he was promoted to District Customer Service Supervisor and transferred to the Livonia area.

Active in community affairs, Nique is also a member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

Ralph and his wife, Julia, plan to continue residence in Livonia.

Approximately 250 fellow employees and friends attended a dinner party held in his honor recently.

Mr. Glenn E. Macomber has been named to replace Mr. Nique as Service Supervisor in the Company's West Wayne Division.



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