

State Fair Art To Occupy More Display Space

All resident artists of Michigan are eligible to enter original works in the annual Art Exhibition and Competition to be held at the State Fair which opens Friday, August 26, and runs through September 5 (Labor Day).

General manager Walter A. Goodman announced that the show will be greatly expanded this year. Increased area will make possible more exhibits shown to better advantage.

Competition will include three classes: oil-based media, watercolor-based media, and prints. Three prizes—not purchase prizes—of \$125, \$100, and \$75 are to be awarded in each class.

All works should be delivered to the Community Arts Building at the Fairgrounds on or before August 5. Judges will then select the works suitable for exhibition and competition during the Fair.

Preliminary and final judging will be done by Walter McBride, curator of the Grand Rapids Art Gallery, and Jean Dodehoff, assistant curator, Detroit Institute of Arts.

One entry is allowed from each artist. Only works not previously shown at the State Fair are acceptable. The entry fee of \$3 must accompany the fine arts entry blank which can be obtained from Pauline Harris, Community Arts Department director.



MEMBERS OF the board of the Farmington branch of the American Association of University Women met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Gaston, 25580 Ravine Rd., Southfield, to discuss plans for the coming year. One of their main projects will be the annual book sale to be held this fall. Front row (left to right) are: Mrs. David Skindemeter, Mrs. Ted Lapinski, Mrs. Ernest Gaston (seated), Mrs. Richard Frankel, Rear row: Mrs. Thomas Czubiak, Mrs. Carl Dahlstrom, Mrs. Royal Davis, Mrs. Robert Granger, Mrs. Edna Cape, Mrs. Richard Armstrong, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Jim Richards, Mrs. Saida Ozker.

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Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

LILIES

Lily is a name given to many different flowers including the sweet-scented little lily-of-the-valley, the tawny orange day-lilies lining country roadsides and exotic water lilies. Most of these have lily-like flowers but are not true lilies. The true lilies belong to the genus Lilium and are among the most dramatically beautiful and graceful of all flowers. There are about 100 species of lilies, all native to the northern hemisphere. Each is worthy of cultivation as there are no "poor relations" in this genus. In addition to the beautiful wild species, numerous hybrids have been developed.

Canada lily, Michigan lily, wood lily, and turk-cap lily are among the native Michigan lilies that can be easily grown in the garden. The wood lily has up-turned orange flowers. The Canada lily and Michigan lily have nodding flowers. The turk-cap lily and the tiger lily, which was introduced into American gardens from Asia and became an escapee that naturalized, have nodding flowers with strongly recurved petals.

HENRY'S LILY is a Chinese species with apricot flowers blooming in August. It grows up to nine feet tall with twelve to twenty flowers per stem. Hanson's lily, from Korea, is less than five feet tall with yellow-spotted orange flowers in June. The lovely white Madonna lily comes from Southern Europe and the white Regal lily is from China.

The goldband lily, L. auratum, is one of the loveliest. It has

white petals striped with a band of golden yellow. It blooms in August and September and is relatively easy to grow although somewhat subject to diseases. Lillium Speciosum is an old favorite that flowers in August and September. The white form is lovely, as is the variety "rubrum" that has pink flowers. The variety "magnificum" is ruby red edged with white.

There are a great many hybrids available and all are beautiful. Colors range from white through pale yellow and pale green to blazing shades of orange and crimson. Among the best American hybrids are Aurelian hybrids, Bellingham hybrids, Fleets, Golden Chalice, Green Mountain, Rainbow and Mid-century hybrids.

Although some lilies are a bit difficult to grow, most are easy. They thrive in a light, rich, well drained soil that has been cultivated well to a depth of one foot. A handful of sand placed beneath the bulb when it is planted will help insure good drainage. Most will grow in either full sun or partial shade. SOME LILIES grow roots on the stem above the bulb as well as roots from the bottom of the bulb. They should be planted deeply so that there is about eight inches of soil above the top of the bulb. Included in this category are Goldband lily, Henry's lily, Regal lily and tiger lily.

Others are basal rooting producing roots only from the bottom of the bulb. Four inches of soil above the top of the bulb is sufficient for these. Included are Madonna lily, Canada lily and turk cap lily. Early autumn planting is favored for most lily bulbs. This gives the plants time to grow roots and become established before freezing weather. It is good practice to cover the bulbs with a coarse mulch of straw or evergreen branches after the ground has frozen. This should be removed gradually in Spring. A summer mulch is useful to keep the roots cool and retain moisture in the ground.

AFTER THE plants have finished blooming and the foliage turns yellow the stalk may be cut back partially. Always leave a foot or two of stalk until growth begins the following Spring. If the stalk is pulled off, the hole that is left in the bulb collects moisture that may cause rotting or acts as an entry-way for diseases.

Lilies can add charm and color to the garden from late May until late September. They are an excellent choice for the gardener who wants big results from a small amount of effort, but they are equally interesting for the gardener who wishes to specialize and grow them as a hobby collection.

REMEMBERS

Work in the garden in the cool parts of the day, or follow the shade . . . Trim, edge, and cultivate the front part of the beds to keep the garden looking neat and inviting even when an all-out weeding and cultivating isn't done . . . Pick beans when foliage is dry . . . Give annuals a boost with a dose of quick acting liquid fertilizer such as Rapid-gro . . . Lawns will benefit from a mid-season dose of fertilizer, but it must be watered in well or the lawn will be burned . . . Spray trunk and main branches of peach trees with DDT to control borers .

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