

Pergola Accents Entry Area

Designing the exterior entrance for a home always has been a challenging job, today made the more interesting - and difficult - by modern emphasis on auto travel.

Where once an attractive footpath winding through the center of the front yard was both appropriate and sufficient, the arrival of guests by car has made that arrangement all but obsolete.

A practical approach adopted by many families combines the entry walk with offstreet parking for guests. Usually the parking area is at one side of the house with the walk running through or alongside the car area, then in a line parallel to the house.

The plan has merit, not only because it recognizes that foot traffic begins where auto traffic ends, but also because it doesn't demand a

traditional handling of front yard landscaping.

Perhaps the plan's only problem are those of pin-pointing the entry walk for the benefit of those who don't arrive by car and of retaining its important role as an entrance to the house.

MANY solutions are possible, however. For one family, it was to build a small pergola at the corner where the walk turns from the driveway toward the house. Charming - even whimsical - the pergola is a just-right accent for the entry area.

Its construction was post-and-beam, using, for effect, larger wood members than were necessary for structural purposes. Yet its appearance is light and small-scaled. Barely more than eight feet square, not counting roof projections, the pitched-roof

pergola has six 4x6-inch posts set in two rows of three posts each.

The rows are just four feet apart and the three posts per row are spaced about two feet apart.

Connecting pairs of posts across the four-foot width are 2x6s, nailed in pairs that clasp the posts. Resting on the crossbeams and clamping rows of posts lengthwise are beams made of a 2x8 and a 2x6. The 2x8 is nailed to the inside of the rows of posts, and the 2x6 to the outside.

For a ridgebeam, a pair of 2x8s was used. Appearing suspended in thin air, the 2x8s actually are nailed on either side of and supported by two-foot-long pieces of 4x6 which, in turn, are nailed between the three pairs of crossbeams.



PERGOLA POINTS to entry walk. Fenced front yard needed a gateway to point out the entrance walk, adjoining driveway, and this pergola does the job. Simple structure uses Douglas fir 4x6 posts, 2x6 and 2x8-inch beams and 1x2s on edge for "rafters." Shade-loving plants thrive under pergola's shelter.

Bulletin Available On Pest Control

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Each spring homeowners are "bugged" by insect pests attacking trees and shrubs. Controlling these pests often becomes a baffling task for the amateur gardener.

According to entomologists at Michigan State University, effective pest control is based on proper application of the appropriate chemical at the correct time. Although no one chemical will adequately control all pests, a combination of several applied periodically can provide an all-purpose spray and relieve some of the homeowner's headaches.

A mixture of sevin,

malathion, and kelthane, applied on a regular schedule and in accordance with the label directions, provides general plant protection.

However, warn the specialists, all-purpose sprays are generally more expensive and will not control all insects. Certain pests will require special treatment.

For information on specific chemicals and their rates of application, see your local county extension agent or write to the Bulletin Office, Michigan State University, P.O. Box 231, East Lansing, Mich. 48823. Ask for EB-534, "Controlling Pests of Trees and Shrubs."

Shortage Feared

A potential raw material shortage facing forest-based industries stems from the fact that two-thirds of timberlands are poorly managed, asserts the Western Wood Products Association.

To meet U.S. needs, industry is providing 2 1/2 times as much wood per acre from its own lands as do big federal and small private owners - and the difference lies mainly in forest management or lack of it, says the largest lumber organization.

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