

Daylily Show Saturday

The annual Daylily Show runs from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, in the Room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

Sponsor of the show is the Southern Michigan Iris and Hemerocallis Society. Any grower of hemerocallis may exhibit and there are no entry fees. Entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

The hours for entry are between 9 and 11:30 a.m. and judging begins shortly thereafter.

Poison Ivy Contact Requires Fast Action

EAST LANSING Recognition is your best protection against infection from poison ivy and sumac this summer, says Michigan

State University pesticide specialist Alan Putnam.

A good aid is the U.S. Department of Agriculture identification guide entitled "Poison Ivy, Poison Oak and Poison Sumac: Farmers' Bulletin No. 1972," Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20401. Single copies are 10 cents.

If you do come in contact with poisonous plants, wash yourself and your clothes. Strong soap or detergent in running water will remove poisonous oils, says Dr. Elizabeth Hutchinson, assistant clinical professor of dermatology in MSU's Department of Medicine.

Use cleaning fluid on clothes that must be dry cleaned. If you take clothes to a dry cleaner, let him know they are harmless contaminated. Scrub door handles, tools and furniture that might be contaminated.

A poison ivy or sumac rash can be contracted by direct contact, by brushing against contaminated people or objects, or from smoke if the plants are burned, Putnam says. You are more likely to encounter poison ivy than sumac in Michigan, he adds.

Symptoms may appear a few hours or even as long as five days after contact. If you must be in a poison ivy or sumac infested area, use protective formulas suggested in the bulletin such as a ferric chloride and glycerine solution, cottonseed or olive oil, or petrolatum.

TOUBLES: Philodendrons often show yellowing of leaves, or drooping of foliage. This indicates plants are overwatered, or poorly drained. Best rule of thumb for watering: Let plant go dry between waterings. A weak, yellowish color without leaf drop indicates too much light or direct sun. Move to a bright window without direct sun.

A yellowish appearance with soft, wilted leaves indicate soil is too dry for too long a period. If this is also accompanied by some leaves that are dry or burned on edges and shoot tips that are killed, or dried, it means that there's too much heat in the room, or too low humidity or you've been giving plants too much fertilizer.

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The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Philodendron: We receive many letters concerning philodendrons than any other foliage plant.

The heart-leaved or climbing philodendron (P. oxycardium or P. cordatum) is the small plant that you see trailing from center pieces, vases and planters in most homes and offices.

This native of the jungle thrives in poor light beneath large trees. It can survive with little water and rebels against having "wet feet." This heart-shaped philodendron is called man's best friend in the plant world, just as the dog is called man's best friend in the animal world. They both share this reputation because they are well adapted to live in close harmony with man.

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mean overwatering or poor drainage.

A common complaint is leaves grow smaller and smaller. This is a sign of poor light, poor soil or insufficient moisture during July and August leads to development of a problem called blossom-end rot. Infected tomatoes develop blackened, depressed spots, so adequate moisture will prevent this.

STAKED TOMATOES: Just a reminder that tomatoes grown on a trellis or stake need more moisture than those rambling on a mulch, or spots, so adequate moisture will prevent this.

How To Control July Insect Pests

Ornamentals and trees take a beating from the most troublesome July insect pests in this part of the country:

The leaf hopper and plant bug, which attack honey locusts, and the fall web worm, which attacks 120 different ornamentals and trees and is especially fond of oak, birch, linden (basswood), ash and apple trees.

The leaf hopper and plant bug are dark brown to green insects about one-fourth inch long that suck juices from leaves causing the honey locust's leaflets to droop, reports Richard Sauer, Michigan State University extension insect specialist.

You can detect them by shaking tree branches and forcing the insects into flight.

To control these pests, Sauer recommends carbaryl (Sevin), malathion or

diazinon. Spray rates are on the labels.

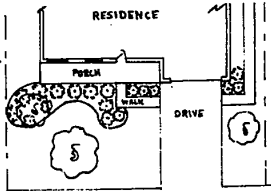
The webworm larvae (pale yellow to light green and covered with whitish hairs) spin a silken web over branches and feed inside that web. They first appear in mid-July and can completely defoliate a limb or tree.

IF YOU HAVE just a few of them, just remove the webs and larvae and destroy the insects by hand.

Sauer says detailed information on these and other pests can be found in "Controlling Pests of Trees and Shrubs - Guide for Home Gardeners," Extension Bulletin 534.

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