

# Time To Plant Roses?

Raise the question of whether to plant roses in the fall or spring at any garden club meeting and you can be sure of introducing an interesting argument.

Most authorities agree that spring is the wise planting time in very cold states where a hard winter comes early; however, elsewhere opinions are divided.

The American Association of Nurserymen takes the position that either fall or spring planting is perfectly

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### Accessories Update

Are you trying to rise above ordinary landscape standards?

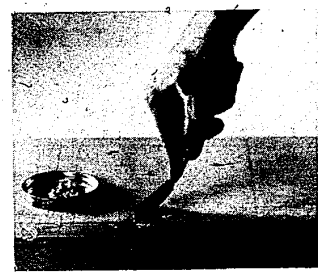
If so consider accessories as a means to update or add highlights to your yard, says Joe Cox, Michigan State Uni-

versity extension landscape architect.

Wood accessories are becoming more popular because of their natural weathering. A wood deck for example, provides more air,

dries quickly, and is softer than cement or blocks. Wood sculpture or driftwood shells. Sometimes they are seen hanging or in a series of vertical lightposts.

If there is a handyman around the house he can build a deacon's bench for the porch - perhaps out of an antique bedstead. This says welcome, is useful and decorative.



REFINISHING AN ANTIQUE may not be necessary; often a good cleaning is all that is needed. If you must refinish, shallow dents and gouges may be raised by placing a damp cloth over the area and steaming with a hot iron. For deep gouges and cracks, mix animal glue with sanding dust from the piece. Tamp it in, let dry and smooth with a razor blade. For a free 16-page booklet "Tips on Wood Finishing," write: Minwax Co., Inc., Dept. AF, 41 Oak St., Clifton, N.J. 07014.

Household items, such as an old copper boiler, can be cleaned up and used as planters. Use a copper cleaner and apply a lacquer finish to prevent tarnish. These are often decorated with appropriate greens for the holidays.

A glacial boulder sunk one-third into the ground will give a finished look of age and stability. Two or three in a conversational grouping will look natural.

Water stones - rocks with the top hollowed out to catch rain - provide an interesting view and assist wildlife with much needed water. Place the stones in a natural environment close to a shrub or evergreen. Some wildlife may use it for drinking or it could be a bird bath.

ried - an ideal time for planting. Soil conditions in your yard or garden are probably healthy at the end of a growing season. And you probably have more time to devote to planning your roses now than at other times of the year when other gardening responsibilities demand your attention.

The roots of your rose bushes are never completely dormant, so the ones you plant now will be somewhat established and in place when the next growing season begins.

Roses planted in the fall in any but the mildest winter climates should be covered with a mound of soil until growth begins in the spring.

Further specific advice is easily obtained from the great volume of information available from the county agricultural agent or your nursery garden center operator.

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A general membership meeting of the Tokiwa Bonasi Club will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, in Room 302 of Central Middle School, N. Main and Church Streets.

Members will share information on plants and equipment listed in catalogues and brochures.

Membership is open throughout the year. New members may contact either Dr. Nick Sellas of 1697 Old Salem, Plymouth; or Carl Smith of 35512 W. Chicago, Livonia.

## Exhaust Check Saves Lives

The entire exhaust system should be checked for leaks and corrosion in preparing a car for cold weather driving, according to auto experts.

Small pinholes can be patched with kits available at auto supply stores, but large rusted areas indicates replacement is needed to guard against poisonous carbon monoxide fumes seeping into the car.

them now, while they're still dormant. And they offer the following suggestions for doing the job:

- Consider whether or not the plant really needs to be moved. Is it crowded or in a location that doesn't satisfy its requirements? Would it be more attractive or useful somewhere else?
- Take into account the size, age and condition of the plant. Small, young, healthy plants usually survive transplanting best.
- Select the new site carefully. Make sure it's a place where the plant will look good and grow well. Be sure that there's enough room both above and below the ground for the plant to spread out as it grows. Do not plant trees under overhead wires.
- When you dig up a tree or shrub, try to avoid injuring

the roots. To find the right spot to dig, go out nine to 12 inches for each inch of trunk diameter. Start from the outer edge of the crown and remove soil gently until you reach the main roots. After you cut the rootball, trim and shape it. Pin burlap around the ball.

- If you can't replant immediately, keep the tree or shrub moist in a protected area. Cover it with moist peat, wet leaves, burlap or plastic.
- Dig the hole for planting a foot or two wider and as deep as the ball.
- Place the plant in the hole and position for best effect. Fill it with good soil until it's about three-quarters full. Water it well.
- After the ground settles, fill in the depression with more soil.

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