

home & garden

1973 idea homes open for viewing

It's that time of year again. The event of prime interest in the world of housing in southeastern Michigan is the 1973 Parade of Idea Homes, had its formal opening last Saturday.

There are 24 single homes and condominiums in this year's parade, all having been started and finished since midsummer. All are elaborately furnished to demonstrate the best in living for families in all age brackets.

The dollar value of the idea homes this year, on the average, is a little more than the average of last year's exhibited homes, according to Paul J. Porcier Jr., a Birmingham builder who is president of the Builders Assn. of Southeastern Michigan and its affiliate, the Apartment Assn. of Michigan.

The Idea Homes, most of them in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties, will remain open throughout winter and into spring.

The dates are officially Jan. 8 through March 24, the last day of the 1974 Builders Show in Cobo Hall. It is scheduled to open at noon Saturday, March 15.



With the cost of living going up and up we're convinced that one way to beat rising inflation is to grow more fruits and vegetables.

Last year there were record sales made in garden centers, nurseries and greenhouses. Women, since they do the buying, cooking and managing of the household have found that backyard gardening is a good way to fight high food costs.

Backyard gardening is not only a money saver, it's also a good way to help protect our environment. Most gardeners who tend lawns, trees and shrubs don't know it, but they are putting their plants to work, purifying our air and putting oxygen back into it so we can breathe a lot easier.

One of the best arguments for home gardening is its therapeutic effect on human health. We find that doctors, lawyers and professional people in all walks of life are taking up gardening to shake off frustrations and tensions.

Gardening is America's largest hobby because it gets all people - rich, poor, black or white, sick or healthy - back to earth. People with arthritis or heart conditions or other problems can garden for fun, profit and health.

People with postage-stamp gardens or apartment dwellers can try their hand at some form of mini-gar-

dening - growing vegetables such as lettuce, tomatoes, onions, radishes, etc. in pots, window boxes, bushel baskets, or whatever is available. Many mini-gardens are flourishing on roof tops in cities. Aren't these good reasons for "gardening more in '74"?

A warm glowing fire in the fireplace can be a means of coping with the fuel-energy crisis. If you're buying firewood, make sure it's reasonably dry, or "seasoned."

Most wood species will not burn if freshly cut, and you're apt to be disgusted with your fireplace. You might wonder what a "cord" of wood is. A cord, the most common measure of wood volume, is simply a well-stacked pile of logs, 4 by 4 by 8 feet. Since few people burn wood in four or eight foot lengths, most sales are a "face cord," that is, a 4 by 8-foot pile, cut into desired lengths - usually 12 to 14 inches or longer.

FRED: Send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a copy of a bulletin "Enjoy Your Fireplace," prepared by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. It's full of good tips on getting more enjoyment from your fireplace, especially during the energy crisis.

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