



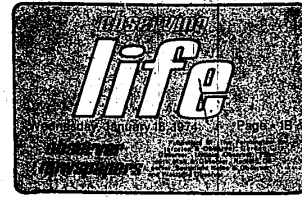
FOR FRAGRANT pot-pourris, Mrs. Jack Wion of Livonia first dries rose petals on a cookie sheet in her gas oven.



CINNAMON, cloves and dried lemon and orange peel also are used.



THEN SHE MIXES the petals with dried peel and slices in a bowl. (Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)



## m. m. memos

"Don't forget my jeans—I'm desperate," my daughter warned me as I was heading for a visit to her university sophomore-sister who had by mistake taken an extra pair back to school after her Christmas stay at home.

I didn't forget the jeans, and her desperation was alleviated for the time being. When it comes to jeans, my desperation just goes on.

I've mentioned before, I'm sure, my problems with sizing these favorite items of wearing apparel. I also find most frustrating their short life-span.

It seems that by the time they are really suitable for regular wear, they are almost beyond it.

The ones I had to rescue from the dormitory were replacements for a pair bought only a couple of months earlier. Miraculously, they fit pretty well from the start, but began life so stiff they had to be washed several times to be wearable.

Then once they reached that state they were worn so constantly that the seams were fast wearing out, so the Christmas jeans, launched immediately into the softening program, were really needed.

Our youngest recently gave up on a beloved pair that had started the school year with her, and were beautifully mellowed. She didn't mind a bit that they were frayed at the bottom and the seams split and had to be re-sewn every time they were washed.

What caused her to put them away sadly was the fact that she had grown enough so that the hip-huggers hugged at level lower than the hip and, when you get right down to it, didn't hug very well at all.

I guess I should consider myself lucky though, because in our family the aging of jeans is allowed to run its natural course.

I heard about one poor mother who found her son operating on the bottom hemline of his jeans with her electric blender.

Surely, he explained, she didn't expect him to be caught by his contemporaries in jeans that didn't look worn out!

Margaret Miller

# How to enjoy roses in winter

BY MARGARET MILLER

Get out your scissors, flower lovers. This is one newspaper story you're sure to clip and save in a spot right next to the seed catalogues you pore over these winter days.

For the advice Mrs. Jack Wion of Livonia can offer has to do with a project you can begin right now, continue full speed ahead during the flower-filled summer months and then reap and enjoy when cold closes in again.

What's more, if you go in for rose pot-pourris as Sue Wion has done, you'll be right in step with the ecological trend back to the natural and away from the synthetic.

Mrs. Wion not only dries roses and other flowers and turns them into sweet-smelling gifts, but she also uses the flower mixture instead of perfume in a spray can to give the rooms and closets in her home a pleasant fragrance.

"It's an old-fashioned idea," she said, "but I think people are becoming more and more interested in getting away from the synthetics of today."

Rose petals, dried carefully and mixed with assorted spices, can be kept in a tightly covered container, Mrs. Wion said.

"You can take the cover off for a little while each day," she explained, "and it makes a nice fragrance. But don't leave the cover off too long, or the humidity will cause the pot-pourri to spoil."

Mrs. Wion, a member of the Federated Garden Club of Livonia, took her ideas on pot-pourris to the club's first meeting of the new year.

She had mixed pot-pourri from petals and tiny rosebuds members had helped collect, and the workshop project for the meeting was turning the mixture into sachets that will be used as Valentine's Day gifts for residents of the Ardmore Nursing Home. The garden club has sponsored several activities for the home on

Farmington Road south of Eight Mile over the past year.

The sachets were made from seven-inch squares of illusion net and tied with red velvet ribbons.

Gathering the rose petals for the pot-pourri probably could start during the winter with hot-house bouquets.

Sue Wion prefers to work with garden roses just as they are opening, because "the fragrance is best then."

Petals should be dried thoroughly by spreading them on a cookie sheet and leaving them in a dry place—the attic, maybe. Mrs. Wion uses her gas oven with only the pilot light going.

Other flowers can be dried, too, to give the rose pot-pourri more color without changing the fragrance

much, Mrs. Wion said. She listed carnations and pinks, cisteopsis, yellow marigolds, delphinium and Johnny jump-ups. "They are the miniature violets and they work out well dried whole," she added.

Mrs. Wion doesn't use white rose petals. "They turn brown, and I like to put my pot-pourri in jars," she explained. "Of course, if you are wrapping them for sachets it doesn't matter."

She also dries lemon, orange and tangerine peel to add.

Then there are the spices, of which most recipes list cinnamon sticks and whole cloves.

"Beyond that, it's a matter of taste," Mrs. Wion said. "Recipes I've seen call for nutmeg, allspice and other things. Orris root often is listed, but it's hard to get locally and I usually leave it out."

Mrs. Wion grows lavender in her garden and puts it into some of the pot-pourris she makes. "The scent is quite strong, though," she said, "so don't add it unless you like it."

All the ingredients should be stirred together about two weeks before packaging in jars or sachets.

Sue Wion made her first batch of rose pot-pourri about four years ago.

"I remembered my grandmother used to make it," she said, "but when I looked for a recipe the books in the library weren't much help. "I did it first pretty much by trial and error. I put it together and it smelled good and I let it set and it smelled better."

Since then, more gardeners have become interested in this means of keeping flower fragrance in the house through the winter, so more recipes are available. One is printed here.

Flowerly pot-pourris are not the only means Mrs. Wion uses to bring the out-

doors indoors in an ecological way.

"When I joined the garden club," she said, "I thought I was going to be learning more about growing things. I found what I learned was ways to use the things I grow."

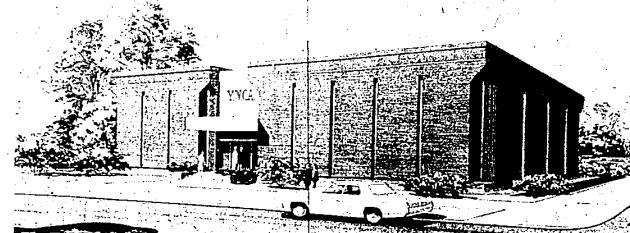
One recently acquired art is making illuminaries (glass jars with a candle inside) decorated with dried materials and covered by rice paper.

"We save lights by using them instead of living room lamps while watching television," she said. "They make a prettier light, anyway."

## Rose pot-pourri

- 1 quart dried rose petals
  - 1/2 cup dried rose buds
  - 1 ounce orris powder
  - 2 tablespoons ground mace
  - 2 tablespoons whole cloves
  - 1 vanilla bean (broken into small pieces)
  - 1 tablespoon whole cardamom in pods (crushed)
  - 2 sticks cinnamon (crushed)
  - 20 drops oil of orange
- Combine rose petals and rosebuds with orris. Lightly

mix with hands or wooden fork and spoon in a large bowl. Blend mace, cloves, vanilla bean, cardamom and cinnamon separately and add to rose mix. Blend well. Drop orange oil over mix and stir gently. Place in jars with tight-fitting lids or double plastic bags and store unopened for at least two weeks before using.



THE NEW HOME OF THE YWCA of Western Wayne County is located at 26279 Michigan, between Beech-Daly and John Daly Roads in Inkster.

# For Western Wayne YWCA New home nearly ready

BY MARGARET MILLER

The YWCA of Western Wayne County will be moving soon into a roomy new building as practical and functional as its community-oriented program.

And, because costs go up and the opportunity to build in more space presented itself, the YW also is launching a campaign to raise \$50,000 for finishing and furnishing.

The YW staff showed off its new home at 26279 Mich-

igan, Inkster, to the press last Friday.

"A couple of years ago we invited you to stand in the weeds and have coffee on our new site," Mrs. Corinne Vincent, executive director, reminisced after visitors had walked through three floors of meeting rooms and lounge spaces.

"Now we have the building, and we can serve you coffee again, but you notice we're still standing."

Mrs. Vincent explained that the new building, funded with a \$50,000 grant from

the United Foundations Capital Funds Division in 1970 and built on land purchased and paid for earlier by the Western Wayne YW, originally was designed with two stories.

"But when the construction work was started, we found we had to excavate for the heating and air-conditioning systems, so we decided then to change our plans and excavate a full basement," Mrs. Vincent added.

"Although it added to construction costs, it gives us a third more usable space, and

we feel it was a good move."

The drive for additional funds, to be headed by Mrs. Mary Martini of Dearborn, will finance completion of the building interior, cabinetry and kitchen equipment, landscaping and outdoor identification, and furnishing and equipping offices, lounges and meeting rooms. A large portion of these would have been covered by the original grant except for the decision to add the basement space.

Mrs. Martini said the request for funds is a

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