



The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM



If you want more mileage from your poinsettia, here are a few hints for lengthening their flowering time:

Keep the soil moist at all times. Feel the top of the soil. A safe rule is to give some water daily to prevent drying out. Never let the soil dry so much that the plant wilts. Avoid setting the pot in a pan of water since too much water around the base will cause suffocation, and the plant will die.

Poinsettias chill easily. Keep them away from doors where cold drafts can blow over them. Also, keep them away from heat ducts and cold air registers as this causes leaves to wilt and drop.

Best daytime temperature is around 72 degrees. Best

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night temperature is around 65 degrees F. Hot sun will cause the "flowers" to fade and will shorten the life of the plant. Give it a bright window. A little direct sunlight each day would do any harm.

After the plant has finished its show, you can set it on the back porch until May. At that time, cut it back to within four to six inches and set it outdoors. Keep it watered during the summer months. Give the plant a few turns every week or so, to break off any roots which have grown through the hole in the bottom of the pot.

If you don't, the plant will be shocked when you pull it up in the fall.

Cyclamen plants are unique with attractive heart-shaped leaves and flowers which resemble "shooting stars" or butterflies. The cyclamen prefers a cool location. Place it in a bright window close to the glass where temperatures are cooler than the room.

A little sun in midwinter will not be harmful, but too much may fade the flowers. Keep the cyclamen watered until after the blossoms have finished. If you forget to water yours, leaves will suddenly droop.

You can bring it back by placing the pot in a pan of water for 20 minutes or more. After the plant has finished, dry it off by putting

plant in cellar. It'll start up again in the fall.

The azalea likes a well lighted window, but NOT direct sun. Cool temperatures lengthen the life of this item.

Grow in 70 degrees in day and around 60 to 65 degrees at night.

Christmas pepper and Jerusalem cherries need a constant supply of moisture at all times. Normal room temperatures are adequate, but keep them away from dry, hot drafts.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We want to grow the scarlet runner bean on a fence. I heard that the seed is not edible. Is that true?"

No. While the scarlet runner is grown principally as an ornamental vine, the pods, resembling the lima in shape, are eaten in the green shell stage. The vigorous vines grow over six feet tall and have bright scarlet flowers.



Top quality paint jobs start with quality paint brushes. To get the finest performance from pure bristle brushes, pre-conditioning is of prime importance. Here's how it's done:

1. Remove as many loose bristles from the brush as possible without damaging it. A good technique is to roll the bristle end of the brush gently between your palms.

2. Rewrap the bristles to protect their shape. The wrapped brush should be suspended in linseed oil for a minimum of 24 hours before using - longer if possible. This prevents the bristles from absorbing paint pigment, and makes them flexible.

3. Before using the brush, carefully remove the oil by working it out over the lip of the can. Then roll the brush handle between your palms, taking care to avoid splattering the oil on your clothes or walls.

4. To insure all oil is removed, wash the brush in thinner or turpentine. Work out most of the thinner. Before painting, allow the brush to dry thoroughly.

5. When you start painting, dip the brush in the paint and stroke it several times over a rough surface, such as raw wood.

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Area Deaths And Funerals

JOSEPH V. DEDARD—Services for Mr. Dedard, 77, of 32753 Floral, Farmington, were in Thayer Funeral Home with Bishop Joseph Imesch of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

Mr. Dedard died Jan. 11, after a brief illness. He was a former machinist for Chrysler Corp. and a World War I veteran. He lived in Farmington 12 years.

Survivors are his wife, Emeline, a daughter, Mrs. Nelson (June) McCormick of Farmington, four sisters and two grandchildren.

JOAN E. BRADY—Services for Mrs. Brady, 22, of 2244 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, were in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Magee officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

Mrs. Brady, who spent most of her life in the Plymouth area, died Jan. 11 of injuries suffered in a morning accident. She was a student at Mercy School of Nursing.

Survivors are her husband, Michael; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dubois of Plymouth; a brother, Ted; two sisters, Miss Janette Fleck and Mrs. Thomas (Doreen) Ferguson of Plymouth; and her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Fleck.

LOWELL C. FERUSON—Services for Mr. Ferguson, 65, of 21301 Telegraph, Southfield, were in Hammond Hays Funeral Home, Redford, with cremation at Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Ferguson died Jan. 13 in a fire at his mobile home.

He had been bartender at Harold's Bar, Redford, for 27 years, and was a member of the Redford Elks Club and a World War I veteran.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Sandra Frazer of Tawas, Mich.; two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

JAMES I. HALL—Services for Mr. Hall, 73, of 325 Pennant, Northville, were in Rose D. Northrop Funeral Home with the Rev. Aelwyn Hughes of Redford United Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Hall died Dec. 29 of leukemia after a month's illness. He moved to Northville about three years ago from Wayne where he was a farmer.

Survivors are a brother, Samuel D. of Northville, and three sisters, Olive Ball-largen of Northville, Ann (Nettie) Witt of California and Edith Steddie of Evert.

ROBERT C. EVANS—Services for Mr. Evans, 81, of 14873 Melvin Dr., Livonia, were in St. Genevieve Catholic Church following visitation at Manna - Ferguson Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. P. Walber officiated. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Evans died Jan. 5. He was self-employed in the building and insulation industry and was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Lillian; sons, Alan, Michael, Daniel and Robert; daughters, Mary, Linda and Diane, and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Clement of Royal Oak.

ROSE E. McLEOD—Services for Mrs. McLeod, 47, of 30815 Rayburn, Livonia, will be Thursday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. in Maney - Durrell Funeral Home, 9300 Middle Belt. The Rev. William Whitledge of St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Livonia will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. McLeod died Jan. 14 after an extended illness. She was a homemaker.

Survivors are her husband, Norman E.; daughters, Sheila and Megan; six brothers and three sisters.

LILLIAN S. MURRAY—Services for Mrs. Murray, 83, of 13573 Ridgewood, Plymouth, were in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Murray died Jan. 4.

She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and moved to Plymouth in 1949 from Dearborn.

Mrs. Murray is survived by her husband, Claude J.

JOHN PAVLIK—Services for Mr. Pavlik, 61, of Southfield were in Epiphany Lutheran Church of Detroit with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Mr. Pavlik, a Southfield resident for 33 years, died Jan. 6 at Providence Hospital.

He was a salesman for 37 years with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and was a longtime member of the University Lions Club, Plymouth Elks and Meadowbrook Country Club. He was a member of Epiphany Church for 33 years and sang in the choir for more than 20 years.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Paul Colville of Kansas City, Mo., Pam Dundas of Westland and Paula Beth, and three grandsons.

Gretchen Elaine Stevenson and Richard Dewey; two brothers, George Troy and James Selwyn, and 11 grandchildren.

SANFORD L. SCHUYLER—Services for Mr. Schuyler, 49, of 14873 Melvin Dr., Livonia, were in St. Genevieve Catholic Church following visitation at Manna - Ferguson Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. P. Walber officiated. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Schuyler died Jan. 5. He was self-employed in the building and insulation industry and was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Lillian; sons, Alan, Michael, Daniel and Robert; daughters, Mary, Linda and Diane, and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Clement of Royal Oak.

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