

# Old ideas help gardeners break ground

You know, there is a lot of adventure in this gardening hobby. Try some old-fashioned ideas to help you toward garden success.

Many are growing herbs and if you have basil in your inventory, be aware that when planted close to your tomatoes this herb can help overcome trouble with insects and disease.

If you have mint growing be aware that this herb can control

pests around the entire cabbage family. This group includes broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, etc.

Tansy is an herb with beautiful leaves like ferns and also a yellow flower. It makes an excellent filler for a bouquet, but previously I have mentioned it as a repellent for flies on your dog. Just remove a leaf and rub it over your pet's coat. But whoa, it repels the Japanese beetle from your choice berry bushes, too.

Nasturtiums planted near vine crops will keep insects away from them. If you are planting a choice plant, break up a bulb of garlic into corns and plant at the base of the plant. You won't be able to smell the odor but it will take care of insects.

By the way, I grow those corms in the greenhouse and they top all

forms of garlic use in gourmet cooking.

Slugs and snails have a way of appearing these days in the garden. Don't overlook the idea of pouring some beer in a shallow pan or can top, and place near the invaded plant. Don't ask me what happens to them, I just know they can't take beer.

You don't have to drive very far into the country before you see an elderberry bush. Gather some leaves and make a brew with warm water. Sprinkle where you have trouble with worms, caterpillars, aphids, and moles. They won't like your mix.

Here is an idea that was used by most of our grandmothers. Cut a bar of Fels Naphtha soap into pieces and place in a bucket of water. It is a perfect mixture to keep on hand to handle many insect and disease problems in the garden.

My next report will come from Europe where I am seeking new knowledge for teaching gardening as a horticultural tool for those who are mentally or physically ill. "Down to Earth" is especially interested in the tools coming from Germany, designed for wheelchair patients, and the design of raised beds in England, especially in London.

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**Kendall earns perfect grades**

David W. Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kendall of 3431 Gloucester Circle, Farmington, was named to the second semester dean's list at Spring Arbor College. He earned a 4.00 average on the 4.00 system.

**Resident receives DIT degree**

FARMINGTON—At the Detroit Institute of Technology commencement exercises Charles Zimmerman of Farmington, received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

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**Farmington woman on honors list**

Jaqueline Ansteth of Farmington was on the Hilldale College dean's list for the second semester of the 1974-75 academic year.

A junior at Hilldale, Miss Ansteth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ansteth and a graduate of Farmington High School.

**Agah is graduated from St. Mary's**

Ravin Agah, nephew of Dr. M. A. Ahah of 31175 Perry's Crossing, Farmington, was graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake. He plans to attend California State University in the fall.

St. Mary's is a college-prep. boys-only boarding high school.

**Miss Martines achieves honors**

Anna M. Martines of Farmington was among 810 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater who achieved high honors during the 1974-75 school year.

Miss Martines earned first honors awarded for grade point averages from 3.5 to 3.9.

**Farmington man completes training**

Marine Pvt. John D. Whitworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitworth of 30107 S. Stockton, Farmington, completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He received specialized instruction in infantry weapons and tactics. A 1974 graduate of Farmington High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1974.

**Hills athletes at summer camp**

Two Farmington Hills boys, Mike Callahan and Robert Manilla, were among 130 high school and junior high athletes who attended a week-long summer sports camp at Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant. Both received instruction in basketball.

The annual clinics are sponsored by CMU's off-campus education office. In addition to daily instruction, the camp participants also enjoyed recreation facilities in the evenings.

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