

Windbreaks help in several ways

Some of our garden readers have been hopping off to a new site and may appreciate the following advice.

If you have very much space on your lot, be aware of the value of windbreaks. They control soil and snow blowing, reduce the drying effect of hot summer on the plants, reduce nearby noise and can screen unpleasant views.

During the winter a windbreak can reduce the heating needs by 15 percent. Shrubs are often used to increase the density near the base of trees. A windbreak should be 100'-150' from the home to control the snow. Did you know that evergreens away from the house can control the winter wind velocity 10 times the height of the evergreen.

To be most successful, windbreaks should be laid out at right angles to the prevailing winds. If the windbreak is two to three plants deep, placed in a staggering

pattern, you will have a solid growth effect.

Have you tried this stunt in your garden? Buy a bag of garlic bulbs in the grocery store (I would advise wearing rubber gloves to separate the cloves because of their odor.) September is the right month for planting them, about 4' apart. Fertilize the bed in the spring and when the plants are 12" high, hill slightly to give support.

Harvest them in July and August. You will have very large bulbs to make the local grocer envious and gourmet friends will welcome a dividend from your new

adventure. You may wish to braid the leaves and hang up the bulbs to dry.

Another tip for gourmet cooks: plant your parsley in the fall. It will sprout very early and the freezing and thawing action of the winter will give higher germination than the seed planted in the spring. The best time to plant this seed is late November but you can prepare the seed bed any time earlier. Four inches of mulch over the seed bed will be a good idea. Remove it early in the spring.

If you wish to preserve some hills of parsley (1975) crop for early spring use you can achieve

successful results by mulching some of your current crop in late fall.

Your columnist had some potatoes sprout during the routine of housework and gathered some of the neighbor children "into the fold". We cut them into sections with an eye in each piece and planted them in large flower pots. You would be surprised at the beauty of the planted pot.

The leaves are beautiful and I wanted to show them that potatoes do not always come out of a bag. Just give that pot a little more time and then it will be interesting to see how many potatoes will be harvested in a 12-inch pot. You shall receive a report later on ours.

Art exhibit is sponsored

Original works of some of the world's renowned artists will be featured at the art exhibit and auction sponsored by the Novi Joyce Auxiliary Sept. 30.

The exhibit will be at the Village Oaks Clubhouse, 22730 Heatherstone Way, with the auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. A champagne preview will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Original oils, graphics, etchings and watercolors of Hibel, Mercier, Rock-

well, Dali and others will be on display. A number of sculptured items also will be up for bid.

Bidding on some pieces will start as low as \$5, according to Fred Greenman of the Gallery Art Center, Berkley, who will coordinate the show. A \$1 donation is requested and tickets will be available at the door.

Proceeds will go to the auxiliary for its community service projects.

Miss Patek ends internship

Barbara A. Patek, Michigan State University junior from Farmington Hills, has completed an internship as a volunteer for Community Health and Social Services in Detroit.

Miss Patek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Patek of 3000 Creek Bend Drive.

She is majoring in legal and political philosophy and is a pre-professional medical student. She hopes to work in pediatrics.

Miss Patek graduated from North

Farmington High School in 1973. She is enrolled in MSU's James Madison College, whose curriculum emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to public policy problems.

Craggs-Healy

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craggs, of 22856 Greenhill Road, Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Ann, to Robert Healy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Healy of Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Bradford Smith

Carol Marie Smith and Bradford Elrod Smith were wed in St. Fabian Catholic Church in early evening ceremonies.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edward Smith, 28432 Westerleigh, Farmington Hills, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hilary Smith, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of West Bloomfield.

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