



Riding for young people

Rochester Hills Riding Camp is for young people, ages 6 through high school, who enjoy horses. Riding at several levels, and instruction on the care and management of horses are the primary concerns, but crafts, swimming, a field trip and a horse show add

variety to each session. The Farmington Community Center is taking registrations now for those who want to attend camp or those who are interested in riding instructions. The center's number is 477-8404 for information on schedules and fees.

Room for Design

New product opens spaces

Most of you today take the time and effort to shop carefully so you don't see yourselves coming and going.

But in home decor, more and more people are turning to mirror to achieve the coming-and-going look.

With mirror, you achieve more than that. You actually create space and open up rooms to twice the size. A beautiful view is enhanced, depth and dimension are added and focal points are that much more beautiful when viewed from all angles.

There is a product that does the same job that mirror does, it's called Mirrorlite. Pricewise, it is less expensive and can be easily installed by the homeowner.

Mirrorlite is a structural panel consisting of a rigid foam polyurethane core framed by an aluminum extrusion that has a lip along all four edges. Across this lip, a vacuum plated polyester film is stretched.

Mirrorlite is as good as real glass, in fact better in most cases. It is optically equivalent to front surface, plated glass mirrors with a reflectivity of 99.95 per cent. The image is distortion-free and doesn't have ghost images or color aberrations of second surface glass mirrors.

It doesn't weigh as much as glass, in fact it is a fraction of the weight of glass. For example, a Mirrorlite panel 48 by 96 inches weighs approximately 10 pounds. It won't shatter like glass will. It has an inherent safety factor because of its soft surface and weight. You might puncture or tear the surface with a sharp instrument but you can also scratch glass.

There are no special maintenance requirements for Mirrorlite doesn't attract dust because of its static free surface.

If a panel should get dirty you can use a soft cloth and a mild non-abrasive detergent. Johnson Pledge wax is excellent to polish surface when desired. It will not fog in high humidity areas such as bathrooms.

Mirrorlite is mounted with foam tape pads which are adhered to the back of the panels. The wall surface must be clean and dust free for the foam pads to stick properly. Walls or ceiling must be flat so all four corners can be mounted evenly.

Mirrorlite panels can also be ceiling hung at an angle using monofilament fishing line for special effects. This, of course, is a highly dramatic look. Fishing line is invisible and heightens the effect. These panels will absorb sound rather than reflect it—particularly excellent in crowded areas. There is also thermal insulation because of the polyurethane foam.

The panels are self extinguishing, the aluminum extrusion used to frame the core panel is non-flammable.

Each panel is a structural entity and must be made at the factory to specific dimensions. A large range of stock sizes are available and custom sizes can be made to order. Allow four weeks for delivery, unless custom sizes are required. If so, allow eight to ten weeks.

Mirrorlite can be silk-screened or painted on with acrylic paints for decorative effects or graphic treatments.

It is available in two surface fin-

ishes—regular (clear) and antique.

How many places in your home can you think of where you would like to see mirror? It is a fantastic decorating tool in any room of the house.

QUESTIONS?—Write to Gloria Cohen, Room for Design, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012.

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Down to earth

Herbs blossom with care

With a big dose of winter gnawing on your columnist I didn't need much persuasion to attend "the most beautiful garden show in the world." It was in Philadelphia, the second week in March, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Remember, gardeners, this treat generally comes this week each year and there you can see the ultimate in flowering bulbs, shrubs, trees, bonsai and plantings. There were many unusual ideas in related flower crafts, pruning of house plants and in topiary art.



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The total show had a space as large if not larger than Cobo Hall for the conventions, devoted 100 per cent to fine horticulture. People come from coast to coast to see it.

Here are some notes to share with you. I saw a greenhouse which extended right out the rear entrance of a house. It was attractive and you wouldn't forget to water the plants with the usual traffic at the secondary entrance of a home.

For arty audience, I saw a beautiful exhibit of framed pictures of monograms using pressed flowers and petals. With plains mats the results were breathtaking in their splendor. This is a good idea for a local competition.

FERN FRONS WERE PRESSED between two layers of thin glass with a lead border to bind the two layers of glass. Dusty miller had also been pressed and preserved to provide added interest around a portion of the perimeter. These glass and pressed fern frond pictures would look handsome hung in a window.

Another pressed flower competition was pictures of fairy tales as made from pressed flowers and petals, using paper doll-like images to represent the characters. They, too, attracted a large crowd.

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA had a large display to attract the interested and here are notes I took to share with you.

Here are the ABCs of the successful growing of herbs indoors:

- Air circulation is necessary to discourage insects and disease; I have a small electric fan I can whiz around the air.
- Basic potting soil must be porous.
- Clipping is important for shaping your herb plant and you can use the cuttings for cooking or potpourri.
- Stands for drainage.
- The best exposure for light is south or southeast.

• False sunlight can be given with nearby auxiliary light such as florescent or incandescent light.

• Group your herbs together for smell and effect.

• Humidity can be increased by setting your pots on a tray of pebbles.

The final hint was to constantly mist the rosemary herb plant. For home

adaptation of the idea you could have a small mister beside the rosemary plant and train all family members to use it often.

Rosemary, as an herb, is a challenge to grow—it is difficult to grow successfully but once done it makes an attractive small table Christmas-type tree.

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