

Florist Shares Hints With Lola V. BPW

REDFORD
"Don't look in the medicine chest for aspirin. Go to the kitchen and dip into the sugar bowl."
"Chuck out the scissors and use a sharp knife."
"Put the smallest on top and the biggest at the bottom."
These were some of the professional secrets florist Ed Wilson shared with 50 Lola Valley Business and Professional Women Club members at their October dinner meeting in Botsford Inn.

WILSON'S demonstration of flower arranging included hints to teenage boys.
"You women who have teenage sons should tip them off about corsage buying," warned the Redford businessman.
"Tell them to ask the girl friend what color her dress will be, not what kind of flowers she wants. You see, the trouble is the girls sometimes say they want a corsage of say, two orchids, that will wipe out the boy's allowance for the next three months."
"There are various other possibilities in every season that can be more suitable and less expensive for the occasion."

HIS ADVICE to use sugar, not aspirin, was for the water to nourish cut flowers. Soft stem flowers that wilt quickly can be revived and their life extended if the stems are cut on a slant and plunged into hot water with a teaspoon of sugar to a quart of water.

"Use water as hot as your hand can stand. This helps to open the pores of the plant stem cells so they can take in nourishment. Right now mums from the yard can give live beauty inside the house for almost three weeks if they're tended correctly."
Correct handling, according to the owner of Fernlee's Flowers, calls for breaking, not cutting, chrysanthemum woody stems, stripping off the leaves on the part that will be under water, slitting the stem ends and spreading them by crushing so they will have the maximum exposure to the sugared water.

Early morning flower picking is recommended as the time of day the flowers will be at their peak for lasting qualities. They should be picked and put into warm water, then stored in the container in the refrigerator, if arranging them is postponed for a while.
CONTAINERS for arrangements that Wilson suggested ranged from a loaf of bread for a pizza party centerpiece, or a watermelon for a picnic table, to a double deck Victorian bouquet in milk glass compotes.
Buying a single flower is encouraged by many florists, said Wilson, who would rather sell a single rose or help a customer design an arrangement of home grown flowers than see people without living color in their lives.
Supplies such as green tape, pin holders, post clay and other items that professionals use are obtainable from flower shops, he assured the group.
TO ORDER a floral arrangement the customer ought to give the florist an idea of the decor in the home or the room where the flowers are to go. The leaves and antherium or bird of paradise blooms would be out of place in colonial decor, he explained.
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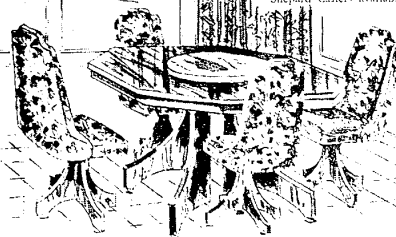
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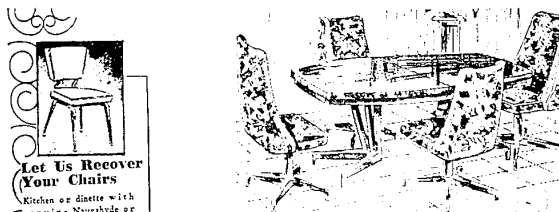
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