

# Develop a patio bowl

If you use black, plastic sheeting in your vegetable garden, you can raise the temperature of the soil five-10 degrees. This will produce faster growth. Hanging baskets are still the "in thing." Why not consider some of these combinations: cherry tomatoes and marigolds, parsley and begonias, beets and portulaca, salvia and peppers or salvia and cucumbers?

If you have a large, fancy container for the patio, you can develop a salad bowl using green peppers, lettuce, parsley, cherry tomatoes, dark opal basil and onions. What a conversation piece.

If you want the perfect garden, whether vegetable or flower, consider developing plant beds above ground level. Instead of thinking that you have to use railroad ties or redwood for the structure, consider womanized wood. It's treated for deterioration, is less expensive and is being used extensively instead of redwood.

With raised beds, the gardener can select the soil mix and be assured of good results, as long there is good plant material and tender, loving alata. So give your home gardener some weatherproof planks for Decoration Day.

If you have a sunny location just crying for a pretty vine, look for one which grows rapidly, thungergia alata. It's a black-eyed Susan and will grow at least five feet high. This vine can also be used as a ground cover in a sunny location. It's fast growth is a plus, but remember, it's an annual. It would



down to earth  
**Alice Burlingame**

also make a attractive hanging basket.

Don't forget morning glories (blue especially) for that sunny location where a vine is needed. If you have a chain link fence, it might get too hot when temperatures climb. Instead, consider the perennial vine, silverlace. This will cover a sunny location in a summer and extend above the top of the fence for at least a foot. It's wonderful for blocking views. I can't give a perception for noisy neighbors.

Another vine which grows fast in the sun is cobaea scandens which is an annual. It has bell-like flowers which stay green until they open. Then they pop into purple-blue cathedral bells. This vine takes full sun or light shade. Then there are always climbing nasturtiums. Be sure this is the category listed on the seed package. They need six hours of sun per day. Some people have good luck with them.

If you need a dash of red in your garden, don't overlook Nick-Red nicotianas. They are metal winners and provide a fine mass of red for a border. Select geraniums for late introductions in order to have a maximum show.

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Your columnist has just returned from Louisville, Ky. Now, there is a medium-size city which is re-establishing the old mansions to capture the true southern flavor. Good gardening is a part of the program. Like Katamazo, Louisville had a devastating tornado a couple of years ago. The residential area has been rebuilt, but the streets of fine trees are gone.

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