

How to give shrubs unusual shapes

There's a new handbook out that is teeming with ideas to provide constant beauty in your garden with minimum effort. It is "Flowering Shrubs," Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225, 78 pages, \$2.85.

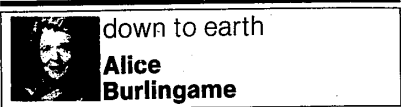
Each chapter was written by a local authority for his particular weather range. Here are some of the highlights I've underlined.

You can plant a forsythia and by good pruning with one trunk, give it a standard tree shape. Select a specimen with a good center branch, cut off the sundry upright branches in your way at ground level. Decide where you wish the first branch to "break" and cut off the surplus branches on the chosen trunk.

What fun you will have visiting the shrub frequently to give the new growth good shaping. Remember that in August a forsythia is forming its flowers for next spring.

The author suggested having several in a row about six feet apart for a stunning effect along a walk or going up a driveway. These will need to have stakes attached to the trunks for support.

Another goodie is to plant hydrangea paniculata grandiflora (peegee hydrangea) in the sun along a wall. Remove the lower branches, maybe up four feet, and train the resulting growth to tumble over the wall. What beautiful



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gobs of white snowballs you will have during the flowering season.

The handbook tells about shrubs for limited space. It should appeal to courtyard gardeners.

Do you have a daphne burkwoodii in your garden? It has beautiful lilac-like flowers and is three feet high and twice as wide. A new daphne on the market, developed by a women home gardener in 1962, is "Carol Mackie." It has narrow, creamy-edged leaves and is hardy at -25°F. It can be secured from the Watson nursery, Morris Plains, N.J.

The total family of viburnums, especially the doublefile viburnum, is a delight. The flowers sit on the branches like saucers. They all have fall fruit.

If you have a shade problem, you will like kerria japonica, which has green twigs with bright yellow flowers.

A shrub rose that will give you just one show is the Father Hugo Rose with hundreds of single, yellow roses. It flowers early and needs sun and generous spacing.

The climbing hydrangea is a terrific selection for a north wall. It takes about four years to flower, but what a bonus you have when it does. The one at the Inglis House in Ann Arbor with thousands of flowers is an example. The oakleaf hydrangea is another one in the family that will take shade.

Space in my condo is very limited, so bringing you these highlights reminds me of having somebody pass a box of chocolates and then telling you that you

can't have any. I still have a flowering crab I am making into an open umbrella. You can see examples at The Community House in Birmingham.

The Cranbrook Educational Community will be the site for the Ohio-Michigan Conference of Therapy and Rehabilitation Through Horticulture, July 9-10. The guests will be living at Kingswood School. The program will have speakers from Ohio and Michigan following the theme of using horticulture in all fields of rehabilitation.

Information may be secured from the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11050 East Blvd., Cleveland, or Sandy McDonald, Greenhouse, Veterans' Hospital, Battle Creek.

It is an excellent opportunity for those who wish to return for professional training to examine the goals of horticultural therapy.

Carillon program slated

Country-western and choir medleys will be combined in an unusual music program at Christ Church Cranbrook at 4 p.m. July 12.

Those who haven't heard country-western music played on a carillon may expect a rare treat when guest carillonneur Carol Jickling Lens will ring out the boedown sound in addition to hymns and selections from Beethoven and light opera.

The public is invited at no charge to hear the hour-long program, which will include "Londonderry Air," "Summer-time" and modern compositions.

Lens, carillonneur, organist and chapel choir director at St. John the Divine in Houston, Texas, is a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America and has performed throughout the United States and Europe.

A native of Birmingham, she studied carillon with Christ Church Cranbrook

carillonneur Beverly Buchanan, University of Michigan's Hudson Ladd and Leen 't Hart at The Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort, Holland.

Immediately following at 5 p.m., the Christ Church Grosse Pointe choir will perform an Evensong service inside the church. This will precede its London-Holland concert tour, which will feature a performance in St. Paul's Cathedral, postponed one day to accommodate the royal wedding.

Directed by choirmaster Frederick DeHaven and accompanied by Joseph Galema, the choir is made up of 14 men and 18 boys who will include the Christ Church 50th anniversary commissioned piece "Te Deum" in their program.

This is the second in a series of summer music programs sponsored by Christ Church Cranbrook, an Episcopal church at Lone Pine and Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

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