

Landscaping Revitalizes Yard

Yards, like houses, need to be remodeled from time to time.

The American Association of Nurserymen recommends partial or extensive replanting when any of the following conditions occur:

- Plantings obscure windows beyond what normal trimming can correct.
- Trees hide the house from public view.
- Trees blot out all sunlight from the house.
- Plantings alongside the house become so big that they throw the landscaping out of proper proportions to the house or the site.
- Plantings encroach on activity areas.
- Tree roots begin to break up sewer or water pipes.

YOUR LOCAL nurseryman will be glad to look at your yard to determine the changes that are necessary to revitalize the exterior looks and the enjoyment of your home.

If most of the plantings are overgrown and old, your wisest move may be to remove all of them and start from scratch. Or you may be able to make the necessary transformation by replacing only a few key items.

Even if your landscaping can be saved by trimming and some changes, you may want

to consider restyling it to bring a fresh appearance to your home.

Perhaps replacing evergreens with some flowering shrubs, a pyracantha, or other colorful plantings would give new life to your entire yard.

THERE ARE many trees that will provide color and interest to a yard. Consider using a radiant crab, a sumac, a dogwood, a peach, or a fanleaf willow.

As a focal point for your yard, nothing could be more interesting than espaliering a shrub, a dwarf tree, or a vine against a wall, a fence, or a trellis.

Espaliering is the art of pruning and training plants to grow in decorative forms, such as a candelabrum, a fan, or a pyramid of horizontal branches.

Shrubs that are adaptable to espaliering include Forsythia, cornelia, flowering quince, lantana, fuchsia, and pyracantha.

For trees, you can use dwarf fruits, figs and magnolias, and English ivy and bit-for-sweet are good vines for the art.

CONSIDER developing a new activity area, separated from the rest of the yard by a

new tree, shrubs, or a screen with plantings along it.

Perhaps this is the year to build a rock garden or to in-

stall a fountain, surrounded by garden paths, flower beds, and boxwood shrubs.

Members of the American

Association of Nurserymen have many ideas, some of which will be ideally suited to your home and your budget.



A NEW, EXCITING LOOK—The installation of flowering shrubs and trees will do more for your home than a new dress and a hairdo can do for a woman. Either partial or total remodeling of your landscaping will improve the looks and enjoyment of your entire property.



The Green Thumb
By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Old fashioned apples. A good many old time readers of this paper write "Why can't we get those good, old fashioned apple varieties, like we had years ago?"

Many of us long to sink our teeth into such old favorites as Pumpkin Sweet - also called Pound Sweet - Maden Blush, Grimes Golden, Summer Rambles in name - a few.

Here's good news for you folks who want the old varieties. Many nurseries are starting to list some old varieties in their catalogs, and it's a good sign that they're coming back in style.

Why did such favorites as Snow Apple, Fameuse, Black Goldilover, Pumpkin Sweet, etc. go out of the picture? Here's the reason: They disappeared because they were suitable only for home plantings.

They had to give way to modern varieties, which must have the following attributes: (1) productivity, (2) attractiveness, (3) ease of handling, (4) disease resistance, (5) good keeping quality, (6) dual purpose for dessert and processing.

The old varieties had good quality, but lacked some of the above characteristics. Black Goldilover ("Sheepshead") had a come shape, mild flavor, good quality, but its dark dull color wasn't too attractive, and it faded away.

The Snow Apple, Fameuse, was the most highly valued of all table apples, pure white.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "I want to put in a lawn around our new home. Please tell me what weed killer we should apply first."

Answer: Why bother with a weedkiller? If the weeds are tall, mow them down and rake them off. Then plow up the area and work it over for seed sowing.

You'll still have weed seeds sprouting and coming up with the grass, but don't worry about it. Weeds won't be able to start the competition of the lawn mower and will die out.

Expert To Discuss False Advertising
DEARBORN - A man active in assisting the Federal Trade Commission in establishing the Trade Practice Rules for the nursery industry, John M. Patek, will be one of the speakers at the Clara B. Ford Garden Forum at the Henry Ford Museum April 22, 23 and 24. Patek will speak Thursday, April 23, at 11:15 on "Misleading Advertising - Who, Why and How."

The products he will discuss include ornamental plants, grass seed, fertilizers and peat soil improvers. The talk covers the types of advertisers, their motives and their attitudes, some reasons for falsity creeping into ads, some examples of misleading advertisements and ways to judge what one is buying in relation to advertised claims.

Patek describes himself as "purely an amateur in horticulture." He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Michigan Technological University and for 33 years was involved in military and industrial research developing standards and specifications for industrial use. As an outside activity, he applied this knowledge to horticultural problems.

He worked with the State of New York in developing the first law to control the quality of flower seeds and has been working with the peat industry

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