

## Create Contrast

Brighten a corner or alcove with a coat of paint. Create the illusion of a separate room by contrasting a small corner or alcove with the main room. Mark out a sewing corner or a reading area for one to make your own personal retreat.

# Plant Flower Garden For Evening Pleasure

Five o'clock arrives and your work day ends. You fight the traffic driving home or hop

a crowded bus to get to your destination. Dinner time and you begin to relax a bit after the day's efforts.

Now's the time, as birds twitter their last until tomorrow and as darkness falls, when you should enjoy your garden to the fullest. Yet few gardeners plan for beauty at night.

Since materials may be bought to keep mosquitoes at bay, there's no reason why you should not walk or sit in the gathering darkness enjoying your flowers. Why don't you plan to do so?

BECAUSE white or light yellow show up best in darkness, select from a catalog or seed display at least some flowers of these colors.

Plant in fair-sized groups instead of rows or just a few plants here and there. Thus

you increase the impact of these flowers at night.

Be sure to plant the following for their delightful nocturnal fragrance: moonflower, flowering tobacco (nicotiana) and night scented stocks (matthiola).

Moonflower is a vine, but don't let the lack of a fence stop you from planting it. Hang a piece of plastic-covered net from any roof and peg it to the ground where it touches. This will be sufficient support for moonflowers.

BLOSSOMS are white, from five to six inches across, and oh what a delightful scent! They open in evening, stay open all night and sometimes remain so until the following day—longer if the sky is overcast.

Flowering tobacco grows from one to two feet tall, depending on which variety you buy. Blossoms of most are white, though there also is a strain named Sensation with flowers of mauve, charrreuse, wine, deep red and chocolate, as well as white.

These plants are free-blooming, busy and good-looking. They fill the night air with their perfume.

Night-scented stocks have small, purplish-lilac blooms which are closed all day. Come evening they unfold their petals and wait fragrance on the breeze.

That's when you'll appreciate them and pat yourself on the back for having planted their seeds.



NIGHT FLOWER—Flowering tobacco, or nicotiana, has a delightful fragrance and shows up well at night.



POT MARIGOLD. This smoothly rounded form of calendula has proven most popular of any.



THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE—Two of the most popular annual flowers are used in the planting along this fence: rocket snapdragons as the middle row, petunias as a border. Powder puff hollyhocks add height.

## Favorite Annuals Deserve Popularity

Did you ever wonder why some flowers are more popular than others, why you see the same flowers in so many gardens, or why there are so many, many varieties of some and so few of others?

There's an answer, of course, as there is to most questions.

First of all, the popular flowers are easy to grow. Second, they have a long blooming season, or people, particularly lazy ones, wouldn't plant them.

Third, their color range is wide, made ever wider by plant breeders, so gardeners can dream up color schemes.

NOW YOU KNOW the reasons why petunias, zinnias, marigolds and snapdragons dominate seed catalogs and seed displays with bewildering variety.

An entire garden can be planted of any one of these four flowers, using an assortment of flower colors and plant forms. It's been done. Want to try it?



DANCING BOLERO—Gay and colorful is this two-toned marigold of mahogany-red and gold. Its name, for a Spanish dance, is Bolero.

## Dock Seeds Lie In Wait

Most lawns can be kept indefinitely if properly stored—especially in hermetically sealed containers kept cool.

To play it safe, however, packaged lawnseed is regularly tested for its ability to sprout; that which does not meet standards specified on the label is withdrawn from sale.

If you have a partially used box of seed around the house even a year or two old, chances are it's quite viable unless it has been moistened or heated excessively. Kentucky bluegrass usually holds up

slightly better than fine fescue.

THE RECORDS for longevity, however, don't belong to the fine turfgrasses, but instead to certain weeds.

Many weed seeds lie ungerminated in the soil year after year, stimulated to sprout only when brought to the surface (where air, light and other influences trigger response).

A second defense is the excellent weed killers available today. Most of the weeds named are easily killed with the phenoxes (2, 4-D-type) herbicides used in "dandelion killing" products.

ONE OF the best means for thwarting incursion from weed seeds long in the soil is to keep the lawn thick with turfgrasses.

Overseeding the lawn from time to time with good seed puts the grasses you want in a position to contest for the space in the lawn.

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# C'ville Wins Junior Gym Title

Clarencville reigns once again as Michigan Association of Gymnastics state champions in the junior division, winning the title last Saturday in competition with 15 teams from throughout the state.

The 1976 championship match was held on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing. Clarencville scored 231 points, overpowering its nearest opponent, Birmingham YMCA.

IN THE SENIOR high division, Rob Struck captured the state championship in floor exercise and in tumbling. Bill Waddell came in first, too, in the long horse and in parallel bars. He scored second in still rings and third all-around and horizontal bar. John LaMontagne was second in the side horse.

In the novice division Clarencville was able to boast of having the youngest competitor of any team.

He's Chuck Thompson Jr., 6-year-old son of Clarencville's gymnastics coach, Young Chuck, out for his first meet, competed with boys up to 12 years of age and came away with four ribbons.

IN THE JUNIOR division

Clarencville gymnasts scored as follows: Tim Barton, eighth place in long horse; Bruce Bartling, sixth in tumbling;

Ken Sydor, fourth in trampoline; Dave Anolik, fourth in still rings; Doug Yates, second in still rings; Rob Barr, seventh in still rings and fourth in side horse.

Don Waterstone, eighth in parallel bars, eighth all-around and third in still rings; Ken Thompson, 10th in floor exercise, fourth in tumbling, fourth in long horse and second in trampoline; Tim Weber, 10th in still rings, seventh in side horse, seventh all-around, sixth in long horse, fourth in parallel bars and fourth in horizontal bar.

Mark Scharrenberg, ninth in floor exercise and state tumbling champion; Sandy Guran, eighth in side horse, fourth all-around, second parallel bars and state still ring champion. Howard Diamond, 10th in floor exercise, 10th in long horse, seventh in parallel bars, sixth in still rings, third in parallel bars, third all-around and state side horse champion; and Jack Waterstone, 15th in still rings, fifth in long horse, and state champion in high bar, parallel bar and all-around champion.

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