

Idea: Prune shrubs like trees

Birthdays are special occasions for those who like to express themselves through gardening. So may I suggest that our garden followers look through a garden catalog, cut out the picture of a rose, and present it as a future gift from you. Your columnist has just ordered a special climbing red, blase rose which will provide endless dividends as it climbs a wall this summer.

There is a new booklet off the press which looks like a priceless guide for those who like flowering trees. Titled "Flowering Trees," it is published by the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225, 70 pages, \$3.05 complete. Through the years, the many, many publications coming from this source have been a guide for professionals and amateurs.

One of the most beautiful details I ever had in the garden was when I planted four Rose of Sharon shrubs a measured distance apart along a path. Of course, they were meant to be shrubs, but soon I had them pruned with trunks that were matching trees. It is possible to create packages of beauty by a good collection of trees placed in a repetitive fashion. A Rose of Sharon starts to flower late in the season, July, and makes a good tree of about 10 feet high.

GETTING BACK to the new publication, the authorities invited to write articles on trees provide the student of garden beauty with many ideas. This publication recognizes different climate cycles in the United States. This guide also gives ideas on planting for best results. If privacy isn't an item, I like to see many of our flowering shrubs with a haircut like a tree, but this is my personal opinion. Studying the publication, I see the articles written by well-known writers from coast to coast and the booklet includes all areas.

Many of you are "filled up" with the winter weather and plan to fly the coop for an interval of time. If you will be away from your house plants for a couple weeks, remember my previous suggestion. Place a piece of plastic or an old shower curtain in the bathtub and put your collection of potted plants on the plastic and fill the tub with a couple inches of water.

Don't cover the tub as the humidity will get too high and cause mildew. If you are going to be gone for a longer period of time, maybe a community

organization could help you out with the name of a dependable person to oversee watering of the plants.

If you wish to make cuttings of your favorite houseplants, take rather small cuttings, remove lower leaves and dip the end in a rooting medium such as Rootone. Have a medium size plastic bag available and mix in it vermiculite or peat moss plus sand that will hold plenty of water, yet provide oxygen to the developing roots.

I like to poke into the rooting medium four or five sticks broken to be longer than the height of



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the cuttings. Moisten the mix in the bag, place the sticks to protect the cuttings from the plastic hitting the tops of them during the rooting process.

Dealers share space

More than 10 Michigan antique dealers are now participants in Antiques on Main, 115 South Main, Royal Oak.

Among the local dealers involved in this new antique mall concept are: Rita Fulton, Bloomfield Hills, furniture and primitives; Audrey Allen, Southfield, jewelry; Charlotte England, Rochester, furniture; Bob and Gay Krug, Birmingham, jewelry, art pottery; Galerie de Boicourt,

Birmingham, books on antiques and collectibles.

Other dealers specialize in crystals, oak furniture, musical instruments, dolls, lamps, Lenox, Haviland and Royal Doulton and other china, toys, old telephones and prints.

Mail hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Friday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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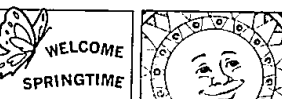
Artists interested in exhibiting and selling their original art in the seventh annual Art in the Square, Applegate Square, Northwestern, Southfield, June 14-15, may call 855-8400 or write Art in the Square, P.O. Box 2360 Farmington Hills 48018.

Docent classes at the Detroit Institute of Arts will begin in September. A three-year commitment is required of all beginning docents. The first year is a rigorous training program. The next two years are spent giving weekly tours.

Application deadline is March 15. For information, call the docent office, 763-1231, 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

Auditions for the summer season of the School of the American Ballet, the official school of the New York City Ballet will be held 4-8 p.m. Monday, March 18, Oakland University, Kay Mazza, principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, will conduct the auditions in the Varner Hall Dance Studio.

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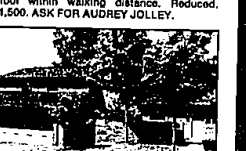
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