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# Welcome The Aster; The Glory Of Autumn

By BETTY FRANKEL

or autumn. Known also as star flowers or frost flowers, they are one of our most common wild flowers, frosting the road-sides with sprays of tiny white blossoms. or spangling fields with lavender or purple blooms.

blooms.

The botanical books list half a hundred kinds in north-east-ern United States, with over two dozen varieties to be found in Michigan.

These wild flowers have a

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chaelmas daises as they are also called.

In England many gardeners have devoted whole borders of the state o

COLORS include white, pale pink and pale lavender, Islaé, blue-violet, rose, and deep reds and purples of great intensity. The colors are all compatible and any combination of them makes a striking and most attractive display.

Asters will grow in ordinary garden soil. They are not too particular at all. In fact, they seem to do better if the soil is not too trich. Although some of the colors of the color

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The aster Frikarti, Wonder of Staffa, variety is unusual in that it begins blooming in June of Staffa, variety is unusual in that it begins blooming in June two-inch lavender, flowers until late fall. The plaint grows between two and three feet tall. Seen most often in local gardens are the cushion type. These form compact mounds less than a foot high and are massed with blooms during september and October. They can be used in the front of the border, in the rock garden, or in planter beds or even in large pots, as a parli or door step as a same of the safers make a good substitute for mums if the latter do not thrive in your garden. Their chief value, however, lies in the range of colors they introduce into the autumn garden that is quite different than the uses provided by the

the hues provided by the mums. For a really spectacular autumn display the garden whould include both mums and

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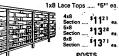
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