

Big shrubs from little cuttings grow

Right now, there's a breathing spell for many in the maintenance of their gardens. However, the need for pruning is always present, especially those perennials which have given their best for or pleasure. To help these early bloomers meet the trials of winter, fertilize them mildly.

Many home gardeners like to "poke around" and try some practical ideas for their gardens. Here are some suggestions for projects. Soak five or six young willow stems in water for 48 hours. Then place woody plant cuttings such as lilacs, privet, yew and boxwood, in this willow water for 3-48 hours.

Another idea is to place woody plant cuttings in a container of water with a rooted cactus slip.

A third idea for planting directly into good soil is to plant a few grains of wheat around each cutting. The germinated seeds of wheat produce rooting compounds which stimulate the cuttings to root. Both soaking methods produce root promoters to help your plants.

These cuttings can be placed in their future spots and if I were you I would protect them with pruned twigs until spring.

Here is an idea which may appeal to some of you ardent gardeners. Your columnist, while perusing a seed catalog, noticed that in late summer you can start seeds of the black-eyed susan vine (Thunbergia) for winter pleasure in a south window or in a greenhouse. There are several varieties of this plant which will please our experimenting gardeners.

From time to time I have shared with you ideas for controlling the health of your plants by ingredients you may already have in your home.

Hot red or cayenne pepper sprinkled on vegetables repels flea beetles, borers and others. Sprinkling flour on plants early in the morning when the dew is heavy will trap various worms and moths in a sticky dough that bakes in the sun and kills them.

Architect, artist are finalists

Jack Friedman, Bloomfield Hills architect, and Ralph Hogg, Detroit artist-blacksmith, were selected as one of the five finalists in the international competition for their design of a Holocaust Memorial Gate.

The competition, which attracted entries from foreign and domestic artists, will determine the design of a major sculptural piece commemorating the Holocaust.

The sculpture will serve as a gate to the Main Library in the City of Bayonne, N.J. The mayor of Bayonne, Dennis P. Collins, established the Holocaust Memorial Committee with a \$110,000 award and budget for the design, construction and installation.

Friedman and Hogg, in collaboration, designed the gate totally non-traditional — sculpted of iron, shapes and forms providing a dramatic visual contrast to surroundings, the only traditional characteristic to their design is that it opens, closes and can be locked.

down to earth Alice Burlingame

A spray of 1/4 cup of buttermilk and four cups of wheat flour in five gallons of water is reportedly very effective for suffocating mites. Sour milk is said to remove scale. Tea leaves spread around plants repel root maggots.

Garlic, onions, hot peppers, peppercorns, horseradish, rhubarb leaves, geraniums and numerous herbs make good sprays alone or in combination when purged with water in a blender.

Add a little shaved soap or detergent after

straining and apply every few days. Some of these may kill bugs as well as repel them or confuse their olfactory sense. A molasses "tea," one part molasses to 50 parts of water, is reported to be useful to combat many pests.

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The ice cream social, sponsored by the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, is open to the

public, adults \$3 and children under 12, \$1.

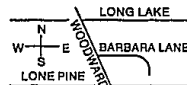
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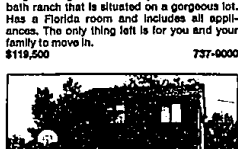
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