

Women Cause Flower Decline

For the first time in half a century, American gardeners have given the growing edge to vegetables and fruits over flowers—and women are largely responsible.

A GARDEN tool company made a national study among 734 garden clubs and 5,100 heads of families with incomes of \$6,000 to \$12,000 and reported.

About 81 million home gardeners work in 45 million gardens.

City gardeners have increased from 3.2 million to 4.4 million.

Of the gardening population, 64 per cent are women and 34 per cent men.

Gardening is the most popular adult hobby.

The number of new gardens is up despite a drop in home building.

Roses are the nation's favorite flower.

YOUNG-MARRIED folk plant earlier, compared with their counterpart of 10 years ago.

Of existing home gardens, 74 per cent were expanded substantially.

Fifty-nine per cent cut down

on flowers and added vegetables and added fruit.

Fifty-four per cent reduced flowers and added fruit.

Major reasons given:

Increasing food prices; home-grown fruits and vegetables taste better and are more nourishing; cuts down on shopping time; helps families get products they like; vegetables are as relaxing and more rewarding than flowers.

ABOUT 56 per cent of garden land is being used largely

for string beans, tomatoes, beets, spinach, cucumbers, carrots, apples, pears and berries.

The survey indicated that women make most decisions as to the crops, they buy the seeds, cuttings and plant food and help buy the tools.

Women say garden tools should be more colorful—easier to see when left on the ground.

Men say they have less time for gardening because of more overtime work, crowded highways and more business traveling, which reduces time at home.



HEADS J.A. CENTER — Larry Furrow of 27928 Buckingham, Livonia, manager of the Plymouth Junior Achievement Business Center at 585 West Ann Arbor Trail, receives his staff pin from Edward P. Nagel, executive vice-president, JA of S.E. Michigan. When JA centers open the weeks of Oct. 7 and 14, they will initiate the 20th year Junior Achievement has offered this teenage business program in southeastern Michigan.

Screen Rescues Homely Home

A tall screen built in the front yard can conceal a homely house front and create an interesting entrance courtyard. It can be built with cedar 2x4s set edge out between top and bottom rails and spaced six inches apart.

An interesting pattern develops with short 2x4 pieces inlaid across between the uprights, placed at irregular intervals. Panels of colored

plastic or painted hardboard also can be used as inserts, held in place between grooved crosspieces.

For Garden Seat Douglas fir or cedar 2x4s are a good material to use for garden bench seats. Run them lengthwise, leaving only enough spacing between boards to permit rain drainage.

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Cedar No Longer A Luxury

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You can do this in one of two ways—either by lining an existing closet with cedar or by building an extra closet in the basement or attic and then lining the walls on the inside with red cedar.

For maximum protection, cedar should be used for all shelving and cabinets inside the closet, as well as for lining the floor, ceiling and walls. The more cedar you have, the stronger the aroma will be and the greater the moth-repellency of the closet.

While natural cedar smell is fragrantly pleasant to humans, it analyzes the larvae so that they actually starve to death before they can complete their nasty job of eating holes in the garments stored on the inside.

Festoon Your Home For Yule

One of the happiest parts of Christmas is the planning and making of winter festoons for the home.

The American Association of Nurserymen offers these timely hints for selecting evergreens for festive decorations.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths. Red or white pines keep their needles longer indoors. Balsam fir not only keeps well, but is also very fragrant. Avoid hemlock and common spruce for indoor use. Their needles drop within a few days. Both are good for outdoor decorating, however.

Garlands and Ropeing. Among the narrow leaf evergreens, pine, cedar, fir, juniper and yew are the best for decorating. White pine is excellent for use indoors because it remains in good condition for a long time.

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