

Prepare plants for move to indoors



GARDEN BOOK NOOK
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Although many heavy chores are put on hold during August, this is the time to get the house plants ready for the transition to indoor growing conditions.

By mid-August reduce fertilizer applications to these plants because they won't use so much while they are growing indoors with lower light levels.

If your plants have grown very lush, some judicious pruning may be in order so that the light can reach more leaf surfaces. Don't prune the Norfolk Island pine! If repotting is necessary, do it toward the end of the month so that the plants can still take advantage of the outdoor light to develop new roots.

When you do bring the plants indoors, probably sometime in September, give them as much light as possible to reduce shock. Then if they need to be kept in lower light conditions, they can be moved gradually to that location.

I hope you continued to water your gardens well when they needed it and are now reaping the rewards of vegetables and fruits, as well as flowers. Pick the vegetables when they are at their peak, continue to remove spent blooms on flowers, and plant a fall vegetable garden to extend the season.

Last month I attended a garden writers meeting at AmeriFlora in Columbus, Ohio. I urge you to visit sometime during these last few weeks of the event. It takes a while to see everything, but the gardens and entertainment and the cuisine of many countries are to be savored. The event closes Oct. 12, although some of the structures, such as the palm house, will remain.

Growing knowledge

I was privileged to speak about herb growing for the National Gardening Association on Aug. 8, something I shall never forget.

The meeting enriched our knowledge of many subjects, from alpine plants to future trends in perennials and plant health care update.

We toured OSU's Chadwick Arboretum and Dawes Arboretum in Newark, as well as the Scott/Hypocrite Research Center. This company is heavily involved across the United States in composting waste materials. It also planted the "World of Grasses" at AmeriFlora.

The Burpee Seeds exhibit is excellent there. They are offering a "Kids Discover Gardening" brochure that is filled with ideas. Another interesting garden, constructed by Davey Tree experts, Garden Delights, features flowers, trees and shrubs from Ohio's public gardens.

Greening up

Here's a tip to "green up" your lawn in quick order at this time of year. Stern's Miracle-Grow water-soluble fertilizer will do the job without "burning" it.

This company, along with Frank's Nursery and Crafts, is sponsoring a contest to find the largest tomato in the country, measured around the middle, not judged by weight. So, if you are growing big tomatoes this year, take your entry to any Frank's store by the end of the business day Aug. 28 to be measured. Big prizes await the winner.

My Dillylilicious and Mustardilicious mixes are now also available in Birmingham at Brown Street Market, Pasta deli Pasta, Alban's Bottle & Basket and Birmingham Community Market. Ask for them when you shop.

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jewelry. I spend a lot of time at galleries and shows."

Servo's equipment includes a kiln and small hand tools.

"It doesn't require a great deal of equipment."

Hours for Art at Meadow Brook are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission and parking are free. Tours of the 100-room Dodge home and refreshments will be available for a fee. For more information, call Meadow Brook Hall at 370-3140.

"We'll have 112 artists this year, from all states, all media," said Sue Walton of Creative Council.

The exhibit was juried by artists Lucille and Jim Nawara. Featured media will include painting, fiber, sculpture, glass, photography, wood, graphics and ceramics.

Creative Council is a network group for women artists. It presents speakers, field trips to galleries and museums and information about art fairs, among other offerings.

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"It's a mix of the contemporary with traditional," Fezko said.

"Traditional is interpreted as ethnic."

This ethnic touch shows in such items from around the world as batiks, ceremonial dress, a prayer shawl, tapestry, beaded aprons, urns and sculpted figures.

Cranbrook is the source of some of the art. The front sculpture, "Sticker Woman," is by Cranbrook graduate James Surtis, a Texas native who has a studio outside Houston. The piece was obtained from the Fort Worth Museum of Fine Arts.

"We always try to commission a major piece for every new store."

The building itself was inspired by Cranbrook and Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Fezko said.

Dirk Bakker's black and white photographic study of Cranbrook gardens is arranged on the third floor restaurant. The store is considering having photos of the gardens' winter scenes so the look will

change with the seasons. Students at Cranbrook's Brookside School did illustrations for the children's department.

Other artists featured at the store include Stephanie Sarris, whose large abstracts explode on walls in at least as many colors as the surrounding merchandise, and Jill Buchanan, who makes vibrant illustrations of hats and scarves.

The store had a hand in the artistic displays, presenting fashion sketches, original fashion ads and printing plates for gift wrap.

"We throw nothing away. We have a very recyclable art program," Fezko said with a smile.

Which comes first: the art or the architecture? Actually, the art is part of the planning all along, keeping in line with the store's "residential attitude." Some images are placed on what are called transitional walls that help the shopper move from one department to another. Plans are to keep the permanent collection intact.

Designers setting the scene for seminar

The best of professional interior design will be on display to the public during "Design, Live! A Day with Designers," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 State Drive, north of Maple and three blocks east of Coolidge in Troy.

Thirty-one outstanding 8-by-10-foot room vignettes are being created by creative metro Detroit area designers. Beautifully furnished and accessorized, each vignette will

let the consumer view the fine selection of quality and custom furnishings available at MDC, as well as the newest color stories and finishes.

Designers will be at their vignettes to answer questions. In addition, eight interior designers will do tabletop displays and show their portfolios.

"This is an exciting event for consumers at MDC," said Susan Zinger, vice president and general

manager. "It's very visual and very educational."

"Consumers will have an opportunity to meet and talk with these professionals, and see examples of their excellent work. In this way, the public can come to understand the design process and the benefits of working with an interior designer."

Attendees will hear Barbara Krass of Colorworks Studio of Interior Design discuss "Building a New Home Without Losing Your Mind." Zinger will look at "How to Work with an Interior Designer." Gene Galley of Robin Goldman Design and Gary Fried of Madison Design Group will present "Kitchens, By Design." Karen Gagne of Gagne

and Gagne will discuss the importance of "Accessorizing." Nancy Loube of Loube Interiors will describe "Smart Decorating: How to Complete Your Look at the Right Price!"

Admission is \$8, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Rainbow Connection, a non-profit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

MDC is a resource marketplace for the interior design profession. Normally open to the trade only, consumers are welcome in the company of their interior designers, architects or builders. For complimentary designer and architect referral, call the MDC office at 649-4772.

Young pianists focus of event

A new project, the Gilmore Young Artist Showcase, will focus on the special needs and abilities of the young and emerging pianist.

The project was announced by the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival.

The nine-day event, scheduled for Jan. 21-29, 1993, will include classes, panel discussions and performances.

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