



garden spot

Book topics: wreaths to gardens



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The highly anticipated book "Plants That Merit Attention, Volume II: Shrubs" (Timber Press, \$59.95), sponsored by the Garden Club of America, is now available.

Edited by Janet Meakin Poor and Nancy Peterson

Brewster, the book is suitable for all regions of the country. The criteria for plants included in this excellent reference book are: unusual species and cultivars, beautiful, pest- and disease-resistant, tolerant of a variety of environments, and not readily available in at least one major region of the United States.

Why the unusual and availability criteria? "To lead gardeners ... to a greater knowledge of the use and cultivation of shrubs in relation to local conditions."

Each plant is accompanied by

description and all pertinent information regarding its cultivation and landscape value. I am pleased to see *Kolkwitzia amabilis*, Beauty Bush, which is hardy to zone 5, included. Color photos are excellent. Appendices include sources and gardens where plants can be seen. Expert advice by leading American horticulturists make this a most sought-after volume.

"The Living Wreath," Teddy Colbert (Gibbs, Smith \$19.95), not only teaches how to make a living wreath from succulents, but from many other plants as well.

The technique of growing lettuces, herbs, etc. directly in the wreath from seed will keep any gardener busy

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Pages to plant by: These books are filled with a variety of subjects.

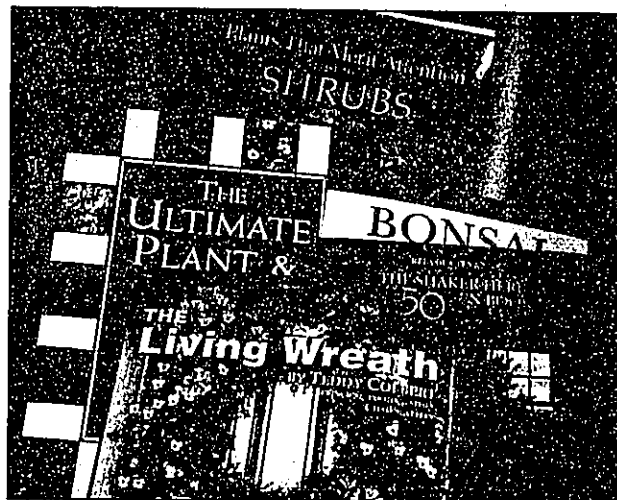


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