

Learn how to shoot your garden for photography contest

Add a few rolls of film and a camera to your list of garden supplies this spring and picture your garden to win a \$1,000 cash prize in the American Home & Botanical Garden Photo Contest, presented by the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta (AABGA)

and CPI Photo/Fox Photo.

Additional contest information is available on the Internet at <http://www.cpiphoto.com> or by calling (1-800-669-9699, ext. 4200).

Designed to celebrate gardening as a photographic art form and to encourage

home gardeners to use their local public gardens as a resource for a wide range of gardening information, the contest also provides amateur photographers, a set of garden photography tips courtesy of Walter Chandra, a world-renowned photographer and former director of the Garden Writers Association of America.

The tips booklet is free and available on the Internet or by sending a self-addressed, standard business size, stamped envelope to American Garden Photo Tips, c/o 8026 Venetian Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105.

In addition to the \$1,000 cash first prize, there's \$500 cash for second place,

\$100 cash for third place, and five honorable mentions will receive a free camera. Limited to amateur photographers, contestants may enter as often as they wish, but each entry must be different and be either a 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 color photo. Deadline is June 30, 1997.

Merrill

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think every woman likes to dress up her home."

Merrill enjoyed MDC.

"It's so pretty. We don't have that around (in New York)."

Merrill has a full schedule. Right after breakfast she was off on more "decor" work in the area. From May 15 through Thanksgiving, she will be in Hawaii as her RKO Pictures (she is vice chairman) films "Mighty Joe Young." Before this she had appeared all over the TV screen, guesting on "Murder, She Wrote," "The Nanny" and "Roseanne," among other series.

Merrill shyly imitated "The Nanny" star Fran Drescher, saying "Oh no" in a nasal, drawn-out voice. Her appearance on "Roseanne" involved rehearsing with a reader who took star Roseanne's role.

"She certainly knows what she's doing," Merrill said of Roseanne. "She has a very good sense of what her show should be. She practically directs every

show herself."

Merrill's favorite movies include "Just Tell Me What You Want" ("I had a wonderful time doing that. I played Alan King's alcoholic wife... They killed me off too soon") and "Operation Petticoat."

"I love comedy. But I like drama too."

The last time Merrill was in the Detroit area was 30 years ago, when she visited friends in Grosse Pointe. She didn't remember the area; now she found things "so spread out."

Merrill commended "decor" wardrobe designer Peggy Jennings. The actress was delighted with a complement she received from a man the day before when she stopped in a drug store after some filming.

"Lady, nice suit. I noticed it when you came in," Merrill quoted the man, speaking from one side of her mouth. She laughed. "I said, 'Thank you.'"

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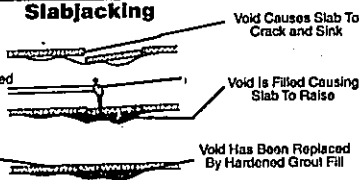


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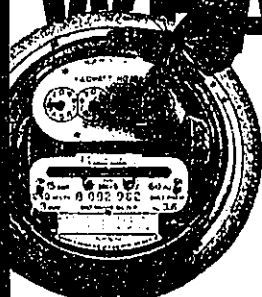
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