

Blanket of Green Beautifies a Home

Only when a lawn of fine-textured grasses blends planting with surroundings, does a home become truly beautiful.

Fortunately, an esthetic landscape is neither expensive nor difficult to gain, what with excellent and convenient lawn products.

Lawn fescues are attractive but rugged even on under-fertilized, dry soils and in shady spots.

Top bends usually combine fescues with bluegrass to provide an all-purpose turf that is best mowed fairly tall.

Kentucky bluegrasses form an especially sturdy sod that is rich green when fertilized, and wear-resistant. Bent grasses are luxurious, need monthly feeding, regular mowing and watering.

Both colonial forms such as Highland and creper, such as Penncross are available from seed.

Try Shades For Windows

Here's an eye-filling treatment for a double-hung window attractively framed with traditional beaded window casing.

Have window shades made of a brightly colored, patterned fabric. Specify reverse-roll shades in fit inside the window casing.

Then paint the casing, window sash and grill white, but repeat the shade's main color for the beaded section of the casing.

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Backing these star performers are many beautiful lawn aids. Paramount is lawn fertilizer. In many lightweight formulations which cover 5,000 square feet from a single sack that even a child can lift.

High nitrogen analyses such as 30-8-8 and 24-9-5—the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are commonplace.

These powerful plant foods are frequently bolstered with secondary elements and micronutrients such as sulfur, calcium, magnesium and iron.

They apply effortlessly with a good lawn spreader. Just set for the rate recommended on the bag and pour into the hopper.

Weed control is made equally easy. Most fertilizer lines include a weed-killing product that sets back the weed competition as it stimulates the grass.

Dandelions, plantains, chickweeds and so on succumb readily to 2, 4-D, silvex and dicamba. A half dozen effective chemicals prevent crabgrass, sometimes also combined with fertilizer.

Modern lawn mowers add cutting height easily, have the capacity to mow quickly. Riding mowers are exhibiting several speeds forward (and reverse) and a control "stick" that lets you slow for thick grass without stalling.

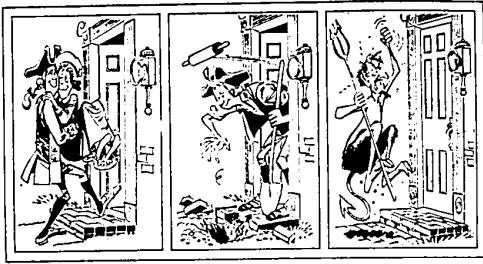
Even watering is becoming automated; an inexpensive plastic system can be laid underground which operates automatically from a time clock.

Watering should be frequent in hot weather, but Kentucky bluegrasses and fine fescues can await signs of stringency.

There are other aids, too—herbicides, insecticides, nematodes to check disease summer and winter, edging chemicals, soil fumigants, thatch removers, and so on.

But if you do nothing more than select top quality grass fertilizer and mow it consistently, a preventable lawn will be yours to enhance flowers, shrubs and shade trees as nothing else can.

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Romantic Beliefs Revolved Around Wood Panel Doors

The ordinary front door, through which we so heedlessly pass—was, in olden centuries, the basis of countless superstitions about life, death, love and religion.

The six-panel door, for example, goes back to early Christian times when the cross was considered the most effective protection against evil. By positioning two small panels over larger ones, the center stile and rails of the door formed a vaginal cross which was supposed to keep bad spirits from entering the house. As a further safeguard, the doors were often hung with hinges shaped like "H" and "I" for Holy Lord, or were painted red to scare away witches.

Although their religious significance has faded, wood panel doors are still popular, especially in Colonial decor.

But unlike the hand-crafted doors of olden times, modern panel doors of ponderosa pine are precision-made in factories, come in stock sizes, and are readily available at local lumber dealers.

Other areas around which door superstitions revolved were love and marriage. It was believed that you could win a lady's love by burying a lock of her hair under your doorstep. What the lady's reaction might be to your snipping a hole in her coiffure was apparently overlooked.

After capturing your prize, you could keep her from straying by slipping another lock of hair beneath the doorstep. This worked equally well with dogs and cats who would stay close to home if hairs plucked from their tails were buried near the door.

Since doors were so thoroughly imbued with supernatural meaning, they were designed, made, hung and treated with care. They were made individually by skilled carpenters and decorated with religious symbols to invoke the blessing of household gods. Today many of these decorative designs are reproduced in stock panel doors of ponderosa pine.

Many door superstitions led to traditions that are still honored today.

For example, a tradition-minded (and muscular) husband will probably carry his new bride across the threshold of their first home. She may think it's romantic, but it really symbolizes her entrance into a new life in which she will be dependent upon her husband. The custom stems from Asia where a man kidnapped the lady of his choice and literally carried her into his house as property.

Rituals regarding doors also led to taboo against their careless use. Under no circumstances were trades to be made through a doorway, nor was anyone allowed to sit or linger there.

2—Organize the walls by installing peg-board hanging fixtures on which to store garden tools and equipment, out-of-season outdoor toys, sports equipment and a variety of other objects that used to hang on nails or lie on the floor as a safety hazard.

"The combination of a good looking, prefabricated perforated paneling with a large variety of hanging fixtures provides organized storage within easy reach, but best of all, it spruces up the inside of a garage and gives home owners another reason to be proud of their home," Concord declares.

The wood-frame house is highly tornado-resistant and safer for occupants than non-wood types, reports the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

It's Beautiful Home, But That Garage

Beautiful Home. But Did You See Garage?

"What a beautiful house and yard. They must be discriminating people."

"Well, maybe so, but did you see the inside of their garage? It's a mess of junk, toys and tools scattered all over."

This typical comment shows that American people do take notice of appearance and also that many home owners are careless about the inside look of their garages, comments John Concord, a home improvement consultant.

"With the garage door standing open all day, the interior appearance can add to the general attractiveness of a home or it can be like a sore thumb and be the one thing that's remembered," he comments.

This common problem can be overcome with small cost and effort. Here's the formula suggested by the home improvement consultant:

- 1—Clean out the garage, disposing of the junk and deciding what should remain.
- 2—Line the exposed studs (themselves an eyesore)

State Fair Premium Book Ready

The Michigan State Fair is offering a record \$142,000 in agriculture and livestock premiums for the 1947 event August 25 through September 4 (Labor Day).

This was announced by Cass J. Wasing, acting general manager, who said more than 20,000 entries are expected. Deadline is Friday, August 4, and early submission of entries is urged.

The premium book—the handbook of information for all exhibitors—again will be issued in three sections: agriculture and livestock, horse shows, and community arts.

Several new classes have been added to the agriculture division including premiums for the largest pig; the sow having the first pig following the opening of the fair; display of haylage delectable; display depicting the contribution of sugar beets to Michigan's agricultural industry; wheelbarrow load of farm produce which could include such items as honey and flowers as well as fruits and vegetables; and a commercial muskmelon display.

Robert McLachlan, agriculture exhibits director, said new exhibitors should indicate which section of the premium book is desired.

Requests for books and entry forms should be sent to the Michigan State Fair, Detroit, 48203. Premium books are automatically sent to former exhibitors.

Spice Your Apartment With Potted Plants

Add decorative beauty to your home or apartment and increase your family's enjoyment of everyday living by making generous use of potted plants.

A built-in planter, for instance, will supply a border of beauty at a large picture window, divide a living and dining area, or partition an area for an entrance hall.

By filling such planters with plants left in their clay pots, you can use plants with different watering needs, change or replace plants as you wish, and add a seasonal flowering plant for a colorful accent.

Essentially the same effect may be created without a built-in planter by using a low table or cart that will accommodate an array of green plants.

Open-shelved room dividers may easily be converted into

Portable plants also are very popular. They range from large exotic plants placed on the floor as dramatic room accessories, to the little, enchanting dish gardens planted in soil or water and used to decorate the top of a piece of furniture.

Large potted plants may be placed effectively, for instance, by the side of stairways. The small dish gardens, for example, may be hung from the ceilings of studies or bedrooms.

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