

Moss Indicates Unhealthy Lawn

The presence of moss indicates an unhealthy lawn, says Gerald E. Draheim, Wayne County extension horticultural agent.

"Low soil fertility, poor drainage, high soil acidity, too much shade, improper watering, or a combination of these factors can cause moss in a lawn," says Draheim.

To prevent moss from taking over your lawn, he suggests following good management practices that will produce a dense vigorous turf.

Poor soil fertility, the most common cause of moss in the lawn, can be improved by using a regular, balanced fertilizer.

If the subsoil is poorly drained, it may be necessary to install tile drains. However, do not attempt to install them without professional guidance, advises Draheim.

A SOIL TEST is recommended to determine the acidity of the soil. If found to be too acid, lime can be added. Your local cooperative extension service office can provide you with information on how to take a soil sample, will produce a dense vigorous turf.

Gate posts should be larger and set deeper in the ground than fence posts.

Post Note

Suburban Gardener Captivating Lilies Enthrall Gardener's

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Special Writer

Danger! Beware of the lilies!

No sign proclaiming the dangers of lilies will be posted at the show being held by the North American Lily Society on July 15, and 16 at Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

However, as show chairman, Ruth Hough, can attest, there should be such a sign. Lilies are dangerous. They can capture your fancy and steal your heart away completely.

Until about eight years ago Mrs. Hough had grown a clump of two regal and one of two oriental lilies in her Southfield garden, but they were just a few of the many flowers she grew and loved.

Then she went to a lily show and was enthralled by the beauties on display - huge lilies and tiny ones; lilies with upturned cup - like flowers, lilies with huge, flaring trumpets, with dangling bells, with rolled back recurved petals; lilies with flowers of white, cream, yellow, gold, orange, peach, pink, rose, red, maroon, and every shade in between. Some were pale and delicate. Others were vivid and intense. Some had stripes, spots, or a blending of another hue. In addition to their grace and beauty they all had a delightful, heady fragrance.

Then there was Ruth Hough became a lily fanatic. The first bulbs she planted were "Enchantment" and "Byam's Ruby." Now she has 75 kinds of lilies in her garden and hundreds of plants. When asked how many, she laughed at the question but eventually estimated about 400 plants.

"Enchantment," which has flaming red-orange upturned flowers, is regarded by Mrs. Hough as the easiest lily to grow. It is of a type known as Mid-Century hybrid. Not only is it dependable in the garden, the flowers are good for bouquets. They last well when cut and are easy to arrange attractively.

"Ruby" is still Mrs. Hough's favorite lily. It was hybridized in Canada and has been used extensively in other crosses because of its intense deep red color.

She also is especially fond of the Martagon lilies because they bloom early and are small and dainty and make attractive corsages. They appear to her like sprightly ballet dancers.

LILIES GROW from scaly bulbs. Although some lilies are difficult to grow, many are of easy culture and succeed in ordinary garden soil in a moderately sunny situation. Regal lilies and madonna lilies are the most popular of all. Others that are easily grown are the gold-band lily.

It takes an oak tree 20 years to produce an acorn.

The show, which is open to the public free of charge, is being held at Oakland Community College, 2705 Orchard Lake Rd., Building J, Farmington.

On Friday, July 14, the hours are 2:30 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, July 15, the hours are 9 to 6, and on Sunday, July 16, the hours are 9 to 5.

There are also numerous hybrid types. Of these, the mid-century hybrids are especially hardy. In this group are such beautiful favorites as "Enchantment," "Cinnabar," and "Croesus."

Mrs. Hough's sister, Mrs. Eunice Brown, is also a lily fancier. She is currently the president of the Michigan Regional Lily Society and the North American Lily Society.

It is the 35th annual international show to be held by the North American Lily Society and will have a silver anniversary theme.

Lily growers from many parts of the United States and Canada will be exhibiting their choicest blooms and visitors are expected from the Netherlands and other parts of Europe as well as from this area.

THE EXHIBIT will include Asiatic hybrids such as "Enchantment," "Ruby," "Snow Bunting," "Oriental hybrids such as "Empress of China" and "Black Beauty," American hybrids such as "Afterglow," and unnamed hybrids developed by the exhibitor.

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THE DAINTY martagon lily's flowers are pale lavender-pink with dark spots and come in multiples of three. This one is in the Leo Hough garden in Southfield. (Evert photo)



LILY INSPECTION -- Ruth Hough and Eunice Brown check blooms on the lilies in their Southfield garden to see which will be ready for the show July 14-16 at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. This garden's lilies are complemented by tall spikes of blue and white delphiniums, airy coral bells and dainty violas and other perennials. (Evert photo)

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