

And how does your garden grow?

In a milk carton or old bushel baskets

home & garden

There's no longer any excuse not to have a vegetable garden. Even persons without land can garden if they really want to. All you need is a doorstop, a window sill or a balcony, and a few guidelines on how to use this limited space to maximum advantage.

Bushel baskets, plastic buckets, coffee cans, empty milk cartons, plastic bags and other easily accessible containers are all suitable for raising vegetables. Just fill them with a suitable planting soil and choose the right kinds of vegetables to grow.

Here are a few variety suggestions: Cress and radishes take up the least space and grow the fastest. Cress can be grown in a shallow produce tray and doesn't even need soil, since it will grow happily on a base of moist tissues. Ten days is all cress needs to germinate and reach a size suitable for cutting to add flavor to sandwiches and salads.

Radishes will grow readily in any type of wooden, metal or plastic container, and will be ready for harvesting in 20 days.

Next try lettuce. There are fast-growing varieties for decorative kinds—such as Ruby and Salad Bowl that will dress up a bare space.

Many kinds of herbs can be grown in a sunny window, especially parsley which is the most useful of all herbs to grow. Chives can be grown in coffee cans to provide enough flavor for salads, soups, and egg dishes.

Zucchini squash and crook-neck squash are quick to mature, and both will thrive in gallon containers, providing the soil is fertile and they are kept in a sunny location.

Real estate career night planned

A program entitled "The World of Real Estate and You" will be offered free as a public service on Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:30, at 23603 Farmington Road, south of Grand River.

Real Estate One, sponsor of the program says that it will help to answer many of the questions most often asked about how to get into the real estate business, what it's like once you're there and what you can expect to gain from a career in real estate. For any further details, call Real Estate One.

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Brighten the corners for colorful gardens

In any garden or backyard, a small area with masses of color is more effective (and easier to care for) than spreading the same number of plants over a wide area. It may sound logical, but gardeners repeatedly make the mistake of spreading color too thinly.

A delightful example of a small flower garden that's easy to create and easy to care for could fit into almost anyone's backyard.

A redwood fence at the back screen off the road and creates the desired privacy, as well as providing a solid contrasting background for brightly colored annual flowers.

A handsome Scotch pine evergreen breaks up the stark straight lines of the redwood fence, and since pines grow needles instead of leaves there is no leaf sweeping to contend with in fall.

On either side of the evergreen against the redwood fence is a planting of light pink and white geraniums, although tall yellow marigolds or spider plants (cleome) would provide a similar effect.

In front of the pine is a large bed of giant cactus-flowered zinnias. In this case they are all one color (bright red), but a mixture of colors would be suitable. In the center of the flower bed is a group of boulders and a yucca plant to provide a natural break among the plantings.



THIS SIMPLE, but colorful corner garden is easy to create. A redwood fence, a bushy evergreen, two boulders with a yucca plant between, and a mass of colorful flowering annuals are all it requires.

Between the boulders and for the white alyssum.

Take a moment to look at your own backyard and visualize how much better it would look with a corner planted this way. At least it's something to do while the gasoline shortage keeps you at home more.

New celosia semi-dwarf from Japan

Celosia is one of the easiest and most glamorous flowers to grow, whether you prefer the crested kinds (called cockscomb) or the plumed types.

A newcomer from Japan, called Red Fox, is so good it won an all-America award. Its bright, shimmering, carmine-red plumes and fresh, green foliage create a beautiful display. Central plumes are seven inches long and four inches wide, surrounded by many side branches.

Semi-dwarf in habit, Red Fox grows just two feet high, with a spread of two feet. It creates a dramatic effect simply planted in a straight line along the edge of a lawn.

Flower stems are long enough for flower arrangements, yet short enough to stay neat and uniform in the garden even in rough weather. A glistening sheen on the plumes makes them magnificent for fresh flower displays indoors.

Red Fox loves full sun, tolerates hot, humid summers with ease and resists drought.

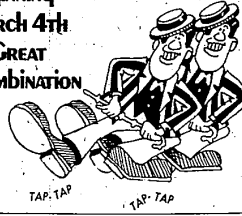
The black, shiny seeds are best sown directly into the garden after danger of frost. They grow rapidly, and soon produce their feathery plumes which are almost dazzling in their brilliance.

Once you have tried this glorious new annual flower you may never want to be without it in your garden.



CELOSIA Red Fox, all-America bronze medal winner for 1974, makes a beautiful flower arrangement.

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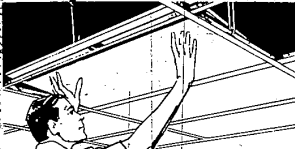
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