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Garden to Offer Restful Haven to The Weary at Fair

Whether they are skilled horticulturists or merely persons who enjoy the sight of fine trees, shrubs and flowers, visitors to the Ford Exposition at the New York World's Fair will find much pleasure in the landscaping details.

Native American trees, 20 to 30 feet high, are placed about the grounds. These include 17 American elms, four pin oaks, two white pines, 15 clumps of gray birch and 10 specimen cedars.

Planted in a series of beds spreading away from a large pool at the front elevation of the building will be 48,450 white and blue pansies to harmonize with the color scheme of the building. These will be replaced later with 21,820 white and blue verbenas.

The grounds, which will have 100 and a half acres of lawn, will also be planted with 1,800 feet of hemlock hedges ranging from three to 18 feet high and from five to 20 feet wide; 1,625 feet of privet hedges, three feet high and three to seven feet wide; 142 feet of clipped cedar hedges; 1,800 deciduous shrubs; 12,000 English yew for ground cover; 100 Pfitzerias three and a half feet high. The latter are evergreen of the juniper family.

Garden Court, where visitors may rest on comfortable benches to enjoy cooling breezes and the daily musical entertainment, will be landscaped in formal design. Pools in the grounds will contain an estimated 50,000 gallons of water.

A Dutch Note in Dixie



Not Holland, but a scene near Washington, N. C., during the spring tulip festival. Jeanne Eley, Florence Tripp, and May Helen, left to right, are Dutch descendants of the Hollanders who brought the bulb and bloom industry to Carolina.

Tulips Highly Prized for the Color And Variety They Bring to the Garden

Because of the variety of color they give to your garden and home, Tulips are amongst the most highly prized Spring flowers. They bloom at a period when there is a shortage of other flowers, but the fact, though contributory to their popularity, is not the principal reason for their being such universal favorites. The wealth of color, stabilities, charm and fragrance which as they, allied with the comparative ease with which they are grown, and their adaptability, have made them popular flowers.

For more than three hundred years, Tulips have continued to increase in favor, and now this native of southern Europe is truly an international flower.

Few flowers can boast such a lengthy period of steady expansion in cultivation, nor such a momentous event connected with their history as the craze, sudden Tulipomania, which swept Holland soon after the bulb had been introduced there. This is the forty-first anniversary of the year when speculation in Tulip bulbs, which had been introduced to the Netherlands which has since become the largest bulb-producing center of the world. Beyond of Austria, the Tulip reached Holland early in the seventeenth century and was soon causing the attention, more and more of enterprising individuals in the Dutchland around Haarlem. The district was found to be suitable for the Tulip, the flower proved to be constantly popular, and prices began to rise.

Bulbs Command Fortune

Attracted by the prices, that both the bulbs and the flowers were making, speculators entered the market, values quickly appreciated and the demand exceeded the supply. The lucky possessor of a few bulbs of a rare variety could command a fabulous figure for them, and a new variety was the equivalent of a fortune. The situation became ridiculous; merchants normally sane and honest, sold their heads and bought bulbs with reckless abandon. Often they bought bulbs from men who had not yet received them from a previous seller, but that didn't matter a great deal for the buyers had not always sufficient funds to pay for them. Anyhow he was hoping to make a handsome profit on the resale. Some went so far as to part with all their worldly possessions to acquire their insufficient supply of money in order to make up the purchase price, and it was

Gardeners Hail New Vegetables As Spring Arrives

New vegetables, as well as flowers, are introduced each year, to the gardeners. They appear in the catalogs wearing about their necks the insignia of quality, medals, bouquets and certificates of merit. They are photographed and described like so many beauty queens.

Real gardeners thrill with excitement over an improved tomato, an honorable okra, a snappy new bean. Before the varieties to be mentioned in the birthday lists of the vegetable world are put on the market, they are grown for several years, so that a supply of seeds may be available for commercial amateur gardeners.

As vegetable, this year, was rated sufficiently high to receive a gold medal. A number of outstanding new ones, however, are to be found in the 1939 catalogs.

Michigan-tested catalogs include the bush bean, Plentyful, winning a bronze medal in 1938 and now featured among outstanding introductions. It was chosen for its resistance to blight, stringiness, brittleness and superior resistance to just certainly a remarkable set of virtues.

Okavik Wonder is a pepper of sorts, earlier than other garden peppers, with smaller fruits, symmetrical in shape, blocky and thick-walled. Detroit Dark Red Beet, Red Cured Chantenay Carrots, even the Vegetable Oyster, Mammoth Sandwich Island and a spinach called Chantrelle, are names that make news and a number, Straight 8, boasts of a gold medal awarded in 1937, for its streamlined shape.

Among the oddities appear a headless Garden Asparagus, resistant Detroit, an early variety of the roundhead type. A notable landrace is Snowcap and radishes, Early Scarlet Globe, are offered in premium strain that is fully only tested seeds.

Test Awards

Everest awarded vegetable growers are the awards of the All American Council, a jury of 12 experts, Early Scarlet Globe, are named the country's best on new varieties produced in Michigan and field ground.

A greater esteem his variety in concentration must seed in 18 samples of seed, one sample enough to plant 20 feet of row. Each judge grows the samples in a different part of the country under average conditions. His results are shown on a score card, the scores averaged, and award made accordingly. Silver medals were won, this year, by New Hampshire Hybrid Eggplant,

Seed Packets Used To Decorate Home

This year, gardeners with an eye toward economy in home decoration are using seed packets, as well as the flowers grown from the seeds, to brighten up the home.

Seed companies have in recent years been devoting careful attention to the beauty of flower reproductions on the packet fronts. Several, for instance, are using actual color prints on their packets. As a result, the pictures are brilliant and life-like.

These flower reproductions, cut out from the packets and pasted on cupboard door corners, kitchen chair backs and in other spots in need of decoration, add beauty to the surroundings. The cutouts should be shelved over, to preserve them. Although not as fragrant as the real thing, these paper flowers do last longer.

Granada Snap Bean, Clemson Spinless Okra.

Bouquets were hung on the proud necks of White Lightning Okra, Plentyful Bean and Golden Table Squash—Receiving honorable mention are Queen of Colorado and Wayside Market Cantaloupe, Aristogol Bantam No. 1 Sweet Corn, Top Notch Peas, Connecticut Straightneck Squash.

Mark of Merit

The awards given to vegetable and flower introductions differ from "plant patents." A patent merely protects the hybridizer or producer, whose plant is officially declared to be something different, which may not be propagated without the owner's permission. It is no guarantee of quality. An award or certificate is given after severe tests by qualified horticultural judges.

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The speaker will be Prof. E. I. McDaniel, of Michigan State College, authority on the control of insects in the garden. Prof. McDaniel is not only well informed, she is a humorous and lively speaker whose knowledge is presented in a fashion that amateurs can understand.

The season for garden pests is arriving. President Collins' invitation offers to everyone an opportunity to obtain the latest and most reliable advice on insecticides and other control methods. Prof. McDaniel's address will deal with insects attacking not only dabbias, but other species of garden plants.

Dabbia fanciers are reminded also of the round table discussion tomorrow evening, April 24, at 8 p. m. at the Neigand House, 17145 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe.

Novel Sorts Fabulous

Among the products of the period, housed in Dutch names, are numerous parallel and several other named varieties, drawing the artist's impressions of the Tulipomania, in addition to reproductions of Tulip from those paintings. It is said that seed owners were so greedy of their possessions and that stung and burnt flowers were the object of the furious rage of the most illuminating times of the world, that a market price had risen in Haarlem, early in 1637. It read like a bulb merchant's dream, with prices for single bulbs ranging from a few hundred guilders to 1,200. Among the showy items in the list were one bulb of the variety, single, double, and triple, and one bulb of the variety, single, double, and triple, and one bulb of the variety, single, double, and triple.

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