

# In Birmingham It's ANNUAL

## Lawn and Landscaping Time

Now is the time when everyone of us can know the thrill of making something grow! It may be a flowering geranium. It may be a sloping little rock garden at the side of the house. It may be a big, rambling garden of an acre or more. To guide you in your Spring gardening plans—we've planned this Special Page... check full of news, facts and figures about growing gardens most successfully.



### Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc F. Patton, Box 116, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patton and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner or directly by mail.)

#### EARLY SPRING SHRUBS

For those who are in full bloom. As one looks about one is conscious of the great variety of shade and shape. Forsythia intermedia spectabilis is the fullest and deepest yellow, whereas Forsythia suspensa has drooping stems of paler yellow.

The earliest shrubs already nearly finished are Dogwood, Magnolia, Forsythia, and the Witch hazel. Hakonehempselia and veranilla. Prune these early bloomers if necessary as soon as they have finished blooming.

#### DAFFODILS AND TULIPS

In spite of the late season, the daffodils bloomed at their regular time and the tulips show promise of being along in time for the Garden Center Pilgrimage and the Garden Club of Michigan Tulip Show. Although you can move either bulbs which in full bloom, if you take care not to dry the roots, and if you cut off the flower after the seed is done, it is probably best to move or divide the bulbs after the foliage has dried. If you are going to cut a flower be sure to leave two leaves on the plant in order to allow the bulb to develop for next year. "Lifting bulbs" is the term used if one wishes to plant summer annuals in place of the bulbs. In this case the bulbs are planted in a shallow trench and left until the foliage ripens. Later the bulbs are stored in a cool dry place ready for October planting.

#### GARDEN CENTER PILGRIMAGE

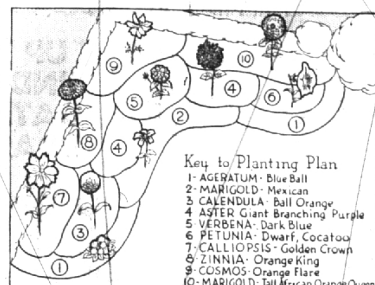
One of the greatest aids to better gardening is to visit well planned and well lighted gardens. Annually the Detroit Garden Center gives one the opportunity to do just that and you have the privilege besides of helping support the center, all of whose services are free to the public. Ten Gross Pointe gardens are to be shown on May 18-19. Fees have never been opened before. Tulips are the keynote of the show but there are many other sights and types of garden to see. The following list gives a clue to what you will find:

- 1. Mr. Stanshik Backus (Lake Shore Drive, near Vernier road). Treatment of the late season. Display of perennial and bulb gardens in the late sun. Herb garden designed from both center. Gardeners' Club.
- 2. Mrs. H. De Jersey. Particular interest at this time, mass planting of clematis and ornamental trees.
- 3. Mrs. Richard Walker. Fine ornamental shrubs and perennial garden. Backus and Woodland Park, Fall and Pool garden.
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### Vivid Yet Cool Colors

Early morning is the best time to sprinkle the lawn. A thorough setting is best. It promotes deep, healthy roots in contrast to the shallow root system of grass lightly sprinkled.

For edges and borders—Sweet alyssum, dwarf marigolds, lobelia, dwarf marigold (Tagetes signata-pumila), ageratum, Virginia stocks, forget-me-nots, niemburgia.



A color planting which is at once vivid and cool, which will light up a dull corner of your garden without making a warm day seem warmer, is one which combines blue purple with yellow and orange flowers.

This is a combination which advertising men say possess maximum visibility, yet when experienced in the soft and easily lighted hues of flowers it is delicate and pleasing. Many summer borders are confined to these color groups, with all pinks and reds barred. Bright sunlight does not fade the blue and orange flowers, but seems to bring out their brilliance while each of these colors makes the other look far better than it would alone.

### New Insecticides Serve Dual Role

Getting rid of the insect pests when plants are in their infancy and most vulnerable to damage is half the battle. No application of insecticide is so important for cucumbers or tomatoes, for instance, as the one made when plants are but a few inches tall.

In the last few years notable contributions have been made to the effectiveness of insecticides although they are based on approved practices, utilizing the diverse flowers of pyrethrum which have been used for centuries for insect powder, and a substance called rotenone, which is obtained from the roots of derris, an Asiatic plant which has long been used by savages to kill fish.

Considerable change in spraying and dusting methods have resulted from these two substances. Both are known as contact poisons, which means they kill what they touch, and they have the advantage of being harmless to man and domestic animals, while being deadly to most of all kinds.

Prior to the development of these materials, a gardener was obliged to use contact poisons to kill aphids and other insects that drank plant juices, and a stomach poison for the leaf eaters. Nicotine was the most reliable contact poison and arsenic was used for the leaf eaters. A number of preparations are now offered under trade names which furnish all around protection, by attacking both pyrethrum and rotenone in one spray.

Rotenone, government experts say, is thirty times as powerful as arsenic of lead as a stomach poison, and fifteen times as powerful as nicotine as a contact poison. It is harmless to warm blooded animals, but keep it away from food.

Nicotine and arsenic are still used in the garden effectively. A pound of arsenic powder to ten pounds of gypsum is produced, at the best check of the striped beetle for cucumber and squash vines, for the leaf eaters, and nicotine. It will burn the leaves, however, if you apply too thickly.

Annual vines, such as morning glories, will cover up an ugly spot in your garden in rapid time. They climb up to 20 feet in a single summer.

Collect stakes early and have them in stock when you plant the glads and dahlias.

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### Tall Blue Salvia Wins All-American

Judges in the All-American trials this year gave honorable mention to a new strain of the blue salvia farinosa which carries the variety name Royal Blue. This is the best annual blue salvia, a new variety of garden and bearing flowers of deep blue in erect stalks, which branch freely from the main stalk.

The blue of the salvia is a cloudy blue, the kind which makes an ideal foil for other colors. Alone it might be dull, even the more intense version of it which this year carried the name of Adonis. But when it is combined with bright colors, a double effect ensues; the blue salvia makes a perfect foil for the red, pink, yellow and orange gladioli well with it.

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