

# OUTDOOR LIVING

## How to Build That Garden 'Living' Room

Ever visit a family who entertained you smartly outdoors in their "garden living" room? With everyone relaxed and all the fun of a picnic?

From Spring to Fall, garden entertainment of guests is more natural and easier, even if one wishes to throw a big garden party. Simplicity is the fashion outdoors. Many easily prepared foods and beverages that one would not think of serving normally indoors seem to taste better outside and are quite all right to serve.

For those who do considerable entertaining, the savings in costs outdoors over a period of time are even pay for a formal "garden living" room.

How does one go about having a "garden living" room? First, you select the right location on your property. It preferably should be close to the kitchen, so foods and dishes will not have to be carried far, whether the actual cooking is done outside or inside the home. People like to see steaks or hamburgers being charcoal grilled before their eyes, however. A simple outdoor grill solves that problem. The "garden living" room may be located near

the rear of the property if purely "picnic style" entertaining is done. Convenience is the answer to the right location.

Secondly, your garden living room should have privacy, lawn space and flowers that bloom from spring to fall. Because of their long flowering season, roses fill the bill, mostly, as one may have different annuals or lilies, or perennials, to supply successive bloom.

Privacy may be obtained by evergreen and flowering shrubs planted naturally to simulate the "great outdoors." They should screen off the garden living area from neighbors, as well as neighbors. A beautiful view should never be screened.

Shade is all-important in garden living during the hot summer months. Trees should be planted to cast shade exactly where you wish it, remembering that afternoon and early evening when the sun is in the west. The trees should be planted so that they are almost directly overhead, since the sun is highest in the sky at noon. It may require two or more shade trees to achieve the best results.

ferred to locations where they will be used. Here are several points to consider, as outlined by the American Association of Nurseriesmen:

1. The foundation planting—shrubs should not be higher than second floor windows. If the shrubs have good form and color and are the right species, possibly they can be pruned to the proper size if "ratty-looking" they should be taken out and the newer, low growing evergreen species of varied foliage colors including flowering shrubs should be planted.
2. Old-fashioned landscaping garden includes provisions for garden or outdoor living and entertainment, which has developed in comparatively recent times. In garden living one can induce his family with a variety of flowering and evergreen plants that provide privacy. They usually are planted around open lawn space or terrace that is used for living purposes. In the border planting one can have roses, perennials and other plants to add color and charm to the property with higher growing plants and trees in the background to supply the necessary privacy.

The modern trend is to natural, informal plantings, where the family can relax in sport clothes and really enjoy themselves in a beautiful, peaceful surroundings.

Fruit trees, as well as small berries and berries, such as strawberries, may be part of the garden living, as well as a plant, enclosed, safe play space for tiny tots.

Many older homes can be made smart and new-looking by remodeling the landscaping.

## Prepare Patio Sandwiches In the Morning

As the mercury reaches its summertime high, more and more weekday meals are being served patio style. While "patio picnics" are a fad for the family, the homemaker frequently finds herself at a loss for foods that are easy to serve, yet different from the usual picnic fare of hamburgers and frank.

The menu should be a hearty one for energetic children and working husband, but one containing foods which can be prepared in advance with only a little attention just before mealtime.

Try these easy patio sandwiches. They can be made in the morning hours and placed on an ovenware platter ready for warming. Take them from the refrigerator to oven to reheat.

- 1/2 pound French rolls
- 1/2 cup sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup ground cooked ham
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup pickles, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

In the morning, Cut French rolls in half lengthwise, and hollow out centers of both halves. Mix all ingredients together and fill rolls with mixture. Replace top of roll. Place sandwiches on an ovenproof platter and cover with transparent plastic wrap to retain freshness. Refrigerate.

Just before mealtime, Preheat oven to 350 F. (moderate). Remove plastic wrap and heat rolls for about 15 minutes. Serve warm.

## Annual Flowers Are Easily Sown

Annual flowers may be easily sown broadcast or in hills.

To broadcast seed, first mark off areas for each flower variety or color. Then lightly scatter seed over area, sowing one kind at a time. Press down fine seeds such as petunia and snapdragon with flat board into finely prepared soil. Larger seeds may be raked into the surface, firming soil with the head of the rake. Label the place where each flow is sown before going on to the next.

To sow flower seed in hills, cross-hatch the area where one variety is sown. Cross-hatch lines should be evenly spaced. The space between lines should be half the height of the flower as given on the seed packet or in seed catalog. A pinch of seed is sown where lines cross. Each hill may be marked with a wooden label to show variety and spacing. When seedlings are well under way, remove all but the strongest plant from each hill.

Advantage of sowing in hills is that it simplifies early weeding.

## National Expert Cites Eccentric's Citations

Editor's Note: In a recent issue of the Publishers' Auxiliary, a weekly publication of the newspaper trade, Edmund C. Arnold paid the Birminghams a nice compliment as he discussed the value of awards in press association contests.

Mr. Arnold, who is with Mergenthaler Linotype, has specialized in the field of newspaper makeup and style. In his Auxiliary column, "Primer for Publishers," he cited the Eccentric and two other top award winners in the nation as "superior papers by any criterion a reasonable man might select." His column follows.

By EDMUND C. ARNOLD

This is the time of year when many a newspaper staff will be glancing with various degrees of pride about winning awards in many categories of journalism.

Second guessing the empire is a prime American sport, especially when no tangible yardstick can be found down to substantiate the judge's measurements.

WE CAN DISCOUNT the natural disappointment of associates and also the habits of potential winners. But there have been several recent observations, apparently made coolly and in considered judgment, that I feel are a disservice to our industry.

"I never saw a prize-winning newspaper that I thought was outstanding," is one comment. Granted I don't know what "outstanding" means to this commentator. Yet I submit that the Birmingham Eccentric, the Birminghams (E.C.) News and New Cannon (Cannon) Advertiser just to name three award-winners that pop to my mind at once are superior papers by any criterion a reasonable man might select.

Awards certainly are never given to the poor boys with little equipment and no help but who publish good newspapers. Here's another statement that ranks with Leo the Lip's "nice guys never win." Neither are true.

I DON'T WANT to insult anyone by calling him a "poor boy,"

all I'm after is winning prizes. I can't help but wonder why I put out the other 51 issues a year with night and day work just so the 52nd night win a prize.

"I'll grant that the best paper doesn't always win a contest."

JUDGING MANY contests as I do, I know that the likes and dislikes of a judge are a big factor in his decision. The good judge will attempt to neutralize his own prejudices; but no human can be completely objective.

Sometimes a bad break—late stories, mechanical difficulties, illness and the like—can mar the issue which goes under the jurors' scrutiny. Empires' bad calls and breaks of the game decide many an athletic contest.

However, in athletics or in newspaper contests, the consistent winner is always the best in his field. The newspaperman who deprecates contests also deprecates their winners. This is a type of criticism that cannot help.

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## Modernize Your Home's Landscaping

Home landscaping often needs modernization as much or more than the house. Home landscaping has changed greatly in recent years. It used to be formal and stuffy. Today it is informal and geared to wholesome garden living including entertaining and dining and family recreation outdoors.

In modernizing your landscaping, it will be preferable to consult with your nurseryman, unless you want to risk doing it yourself. Often the nurseryman can save considerable sums by knowing which shrubs can be severely cut back and still thrive, as well as the proper location for garden living, shade and other factors of importance in modern living. Sometimes shrubs and trees that are somewhat overgrown can be trans-

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A Southfield township resident, Rex R. Brubaker, 18225 Riverside Drive, was installed as the new commander of the Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar at public installation ceremonies last week.

Present from the grand commandery of Michigan were R. E. Grand Commander Charles S. McVeyre accompanied by Edward S. Piggins, E.G.C.G.; Stanley G. Wilson, E.G.N.W. and John H. Loree, E.G.J.W. of his staff. The installing officer was Charles Edmond P.C. assisted by John H. Loree, E.G.J.W. as Marshal.

In a COLOURFUL candlelight ceremony Rex R. Brubaker, commander of the new commandery succeeding Donald L. Castle. The commander's badge was presented by David W. Nelson, P.C. to Brubaker.

The past commander's badge was presented to Castle by Edward S. Piggins, E.G.C.G. who had been his installing officer a year ago.

Brubaker, the new commander, has been very active in Masonic circles. He is a member of Palestine Lodge, King Cyrus Chapter, Monroe Council and Detroit Consistory.

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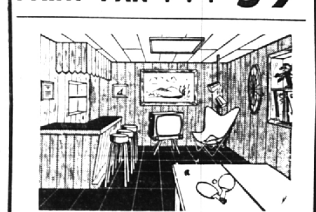
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