

With The Douglas County Garden Clubs

Spring-Blooming Bulbs Reward Minimum Effort

Bulbs are such obliging little things. Some one once said of them "All you do is plant them, cover them, and forget them till they remind you by blooming in the spring."

Needs Few
Because they are so obliging, we are sometimes apt to neglect them in the few essential needs to make them do their best. Just see that they are happy in a well-drained, sunny location. Feed them after the blossoms have faded in order to have well-developed blooms for the ensuing year and protect them from their few enemies.

This past winter has shown us the value of early-blooming bulbs for spring color. While the camellias and other blooming trees and shrubs lost all, or nearly all of their flowers due to the extremely cold weather, the crocuses, daffodils, snowdrops, etc., performed right on schedule.

Treat For Fly
One enemy the Narcissus family, which includes daffodils and jonquils, does have is the Narcissus fly. Naphthalene flakes scattered on the ground around your plants will usually repel them. If this is the year you are dividing your daffodils (it should be done as soon as the clumps are too crowded and bloom diminishes) the bulbs may be replanted in soil treated with a repellent which will protect them for a couple of years.

Never use animal manures around your bulbs unless it is very thoroughly decomposed and mixed with soil. Bone meal is the best fertilizer to use, about one pound to every 20 square feet. A 4-12-4 chemical fertilizer may be applied in April or May, using three pounds to 100 square feet.

Keep the sun from drying the bulbs while they are out of the ground and get them back as soon as possible. They start to make roots almost as soon as the foliage withers and the best dividing time is short. Blooming success the following season depends much upon transplanting as soon as the foliage withers.

Another enemy is the mole, or gopher, and, if you cannot catch the little fellow, choice bulbs may be planted in wire mesh baskets, sunk in the ground.

Cure Bulbs
The main thing to remember is to let the foliage ripen naturally, until it is dry and yellow. If you don't like the sight of the drying leaves, they may be braided and laid flat on the ground where they will be partially concealed by other plants. Or the whole plant may be lifted, with as much soil as possible adhering, and heeled in in an inconspicuous corner.

Snowdrops will bloom in semi-shade and like sandy soil. The bed can be mulched with animal manures in the fall, as can scillas. Do not cut off the tops of the crocus with the lawn-mower, if they have been naturalized in the

lawn, if you want to keep them. However, they are so cheap some people prefer to do this and buy new bulbs each year.

Follow these few suggestions and your bulbs will reward you with increasing beauty through the years.

GARDEN VALLEY SHOW
The Garden Valley Garden Club in its recent show proved that even through a spring of adverse weather conditions plants still grow and a flower show can be given, according to correspondent Addie Schneider.

Many Entries
Focusing on the theme "How Does Your Garden Grow?" many entries were made in the artistic arrangements and horticulture divisions.

Highlight was the junior division which contained 20 entries from six to eight-year-olds. Their category was "It Feeds the Birds and Animals" and featured animals or birds made from fruits and vegetables. Displayed in the entrance hall, entries were placed on a revolving table. Blue ribbons in this division went to Debbie Stritzke, Julia Harmon, Karen Carlson and Sharon Niswonger.

Shirley Toman took best of show honors with her entry in the category "Ghost of a Garden." The winner was an all-white arrangement of white clematis on white marble. Joan Stephens of the Calapooia Garden Club won top award in the "Fancy Free" category with an arrangement with one color predominating. This division was open only to arrangers who had never won a blue ribbon.

Background Adds
Adding to the show were the individual backgrounds framing each artistic entry. The miniature arrangements were displayed in shadow boxes and tea cup arrangements were placed on individual shelves. The blue ribbon was won by Hilda Walters with her conventional tea cup arrangement.

Other highlights of the show were the educational displays including a driftwood bird by Mrs. Porter Linnhart; slides of northwest gardens prepared by Mrs. F. Graham Ewens; drying and preserving of flowers by Mrs. Ormand Feldkamp; and five stages of the white pine from blossom to mature cone by Hazel Haines of the Calapooia Garden Club. A terrarium (garden in glass) was displayed near the guest book. It had been arranged by Wilma Doyle.

Hanging baskets of geraniums used throughout the clubhouse were furnished by the Ray Young Nursery. The slide viewer was loaned by the county 4-H extension office. Decorated concrete blocks were furnished by the Crystallite Tile Plant.

Judges for the show were Mrs. E. H. Card, accredited flower show judge; Mrs. Francis Gregg, a guest accredited judge from Eugene; and student judges, Mrs. A. Jacoby and Mrs. D. Vincent Wroble.

OAKLAND CLUB
The Oakland Garden Club held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. R. D. Bridges with Mrs. George Blank and Mrs. Charles McMahon as co-hostesses. A 1 p.m. luncheon was served to 15 members and two guests.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. Blank to the committee for World Gardens for Dist. 16. Mrs. L. F. Stearns has been appointed parliamentarian for the district.

A letter of thanks was received from the Oakland PTA for the club's donation to the scholarship fund.

A letter from Mrs. Byman of the Byman Gardens at Canyonville stated that the winter freeze had damaged so many of her plants it was not advisable to make a tour of the garden at this time.

Program for the day was on birds. A dialogue "Mr. Swift Meets the Press" was monitored by Mrs.

Edith Dunn with Mrs. Jesse Lee and Mr. Swift and other members responding.

Mrs. Blank gave the history and culture of Hibiscus.

The June meeting will be held at Stewart Park in Roseburg with Mrs. Frank Ashley and Mrs. Eva Goodman as hostesses.

NORTH UMPQUA CLUB
Members of the North Umpqua Garden Club will take over the job of landscaping the grounds of the Glide Community Club.

Announcement of the project was made by Mrs. Harris Nye during intermission at the recent Glide Community Club Talent Show.

Civil Defense Talks Heard At Grange Meet

Roseburg men Arthur Selby and Don Delaney gave talks on Civil Defense at the recent meeting of the North Douglas Grange, reports Irene Ames, Curtin correspondent.

Johnny Wright was accepted as a new member.

It was noted that 19 members of the Grange attended the 11th Church in Drair on a recent Sunday. Memorial service scheduled at the hall at the regular June 8 meeting.

Irene Ames, Roy Spalding, Joe Selva and Jack Marchioni were appointed to the building committee. Lecturer Dean Boss showed colored slides of Japan.

ESCAPES INJURY

BARNET, England (UPI)—The archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, escaped without injury near here Sunday when the O'Hea was on his way to work in a collision.

21 Roseburg Area Students Win Oregon State Degrees

Twenty-one students from the Roseburg area received degrees Sunday at the 93rd annual commencement program at Oregon State University. OSU conferred 1,820 degrees this year.

Graduates in the various schools from Roseburg area were: Carol Lindbloom, humanities and social science; Lawrence Bissonette, Edward Chapman of

Gilde, Robert Matthews, Errol Montgomery, science.

John Edgington, John Ferguson, agriculture; Merrie Ellen Boe, Thelma Greenfield, Dixie Wootton, David Jackson, education; Donald Grass, engineering;

Kevin Doughton, William Myers, William Oerding, business and technology; Donald Doyle, Tobias Notenboon, forestry.

Bissonette and Myers are two of 131 senior men who will be commissioned in the military services. Bissonette will be commissioned

an ensign in the Navy; Myers a second lieutenant in the Army. Those receiving master's degrees were Donald Nye in the Bradley, forestry.

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Local Student Gets Degree At Whitman

Richard Alan Smith of Roseburg has been given a degree in chemistry at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. He was one of 136 graduates from the school.

Meanwhile, the Elbridge and Mary Stuart scholarship was divided between Russell Allan Donder of Roseburg and Madeline Sanford of San Bruno, Calif. * Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith of 2441 W. Lorraine.

Pittsley Gets Degree At Lewis And Clark

Jack Leroy Pittsley of Roseburg was among 178 seniors who were graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland Sunday.

He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pittsley of 137 W. Kildeer St.

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