



'FAIRIES' GARDEN' entry of the Hucrest Garden Club in the garden plot section of the Douglas County Fair was winner of the top prize money of \$100. Shown here is the ring of little fairies dancing in an idyllic setting of miniature plants and blooms. The arrangement was the focal point of the over-all display which featured a garden pergola gracefully entwined with flowers and greenery. The decor of the entry carried out the 'magic' theme of this year's fair. (News-Review photo)

Garden Pool With Aquatic Plants Within Reach Of Home Gardener

FROM LOOKINGGLASS CLUB

It is now possible for any home gardener to have a pool for aquatic plants. The cost varies according to size and the material of which it is built.

Ideas Varied

One may use an old kitchen sink or tub in a corner—or metal pools of various sizes are available. For permanence and good appearance, a well-built concrete pool is always good. Instructions for building concrete pools are available in libraries.

Whatever kind of pool you have, be sure it is properly located—in the sun. Nearly all flowering aquatic plants require lots of sun. There are, however, foliage plants that thrive in the shade, such as water fern and water lettuce.

A metal pool 8 by 10 feet and 18 inches deep may be given a formal setting by sinking it level in a brick or paved terrace. Or, leave about 15 inches above the ground, and cover the sides with a stone or brick wall and flagstone coping wide enough to make a poolside seat.

An informal setting may be obtained by sinking the pool level with the lawn or terrace, then placing flagstones or rocks around the edge so some of the rocks hang over the edges unevenly. Plants may be planted in the rock crevices to break the lines for a more natural look.

It is very difficult to make water look natural in a garden. Never should water be asked to do what is not its nature to do. Water should not be forced to run uphill, nor should a tiny stream running through ferns emerge in a waterfall.

Still Water Desirable

It is not necessary to have running water for a lily pool. In fact, water lilies prefer still water and plenty of sun. The plants should be transferred from the containers they arrive in to a box approximately 10 inches deep, 13 inches square at the top, and 10 inches square at the bottom.

The containers may be made at home. Wood that has a preservative on it may be used for a longer period of time.

Although they will grow in water, all water plants must be rooted in soil to do their best. Old rotted cow manure is excellent mixed in the proportions of one shovelful of manure to three of garden soil. Peatmoss and sand should not be used in the mixture. The filled containers should be placed in the pool so that not more than 6 or 8 inches of water covers them. Shallow water allows the warmth of the sun to reach the crown of the plants. Once the plants are in the containers they need little attention. Some commercial fertilizer once every three weeks is helpful. The fertilizer increases the size of the flowers and prolongs their period of bloom.

Tie a handful of 5-10-5 in a piece of cheesecloth and push it down in the soil of the container. An occasional spraying with nicotine sulphate keeps aphids away. Tiny pools and tubs are simply half-filled with dirt and planted. Don't over-stock the small pool. Water lilies—except dwarfs—should have at least a bushel of good soil for each plant.

As the water in the pool evapor-

ates, it should be replenished. When scum appears on the surface, the pool should be flooded to wash it out.

Umbrella plant or palm grows well in a pool or in the moist soil at the edge. Water Amaryllis (Criminum Americanum) and Water Cana (Thalia divaricata) both grow 2 to 3 feet high. They should be planted in pots placed so that not more than an inch or two of water covers the pots (bricks or rocks under the pots can be used to raise them to desired height).

Water Hyacinth only needs to be placed in the water to grow. In the south it spreads very rapidly. In the north it will fill a pool in one season.

A pool of any kind must have fish. They keep the pool free of insects and eat the larvae of mosquitoes. Any still water will have mosquito larvae. A few water snails (who are scavengers) are all that is needed to finish the pool. In the country frogs will surely appear.

Actual planting of lilies is very simple. Carefully push each root tuber or fleshy rhizome into the soil in the box, leaving the crown showing above the mud. Banana shaped lotus tubers should be placed in horizontal positions. Do not

Garden Clubbers Go 'All Out' In Contribution To County Fair

Considered by many to be one of the most outstanding contributions to the attractiveness of the grounds at the 1963 Douglas County Fair as well as prime repository of an uncounted and unsung number of hours at hard labor is the section in the south end devoted to gardens.

Is Tranquil Retreat

The end result, a happy blending of efforts by both garden clubbers and fair personnel, is furnishing a cool and tranquil retreat from the hustle and bustle of the midway.

In addition, the garden area has furnished an opportunity for garden clubs to garner funds for their treasuries. Each of the 14 clubs participating captured a monetary prize by qualifying with the required 70 points out of a possible total of 100.

First prize winner was the Hucrest Garden Club with its entry 'Fairies' Garden,' depicting a fairy ring in a sylvan setting of pergola and miniature plantings. The prize for this was \$100.

Next in line for the big money was the Camas Valley Club with 'The Magic Dragon,' featuring a gilded dragon in an appropriate setting and being rewarded with second-prize money of \$80. Third prize winner with \$60 was the Lookingglass Club. Its entry was unnamed.

Two 4-H clubs, the Dillwin Club (Dillard-Winston) and the Cam-

ten (Camas Valley-Tennille) along with nine other women's garden clubs, captured \$30 each. The 3-H clubs participating were the Town and Country, Myrtle Creek, Garden Valley, North Umpqua, Reedsport, Oakland, Days Creek, Rainbow and Riverbend.

Beginning Early
The beginning of the over-all project goes back some four months with layout of the grounds by fair personnel after consultation with club members. Plantings along the stream (a focal point in the layout) were done by fair employees and number into the thousands with miniature plants being used. Background of taller plants against a mural fence painted by Grace Ruthrauf of Roseburg was also the work of fair employees.

From this point on, garden clubbers took over. After individual plots were assigned, members rolled up their sleeves and went to work and in some instances kept right on up to fair time as last-minute replacement of ailing plants was made.

The garden area benefits this year from a pushing back of the fence along the south boundary resulting in added space. Removal of the fence along the north boundary gives an open view into the garden area from 'restaurant row' and also affords unrestricted viewing of the style shows, the second of which is scheduled for 7:30 tonight. These are held pool-side with a waterfall as backdrop.

Water Enhances Grounds
Besides the cooling effect of running water from the waterfall to the stream's length, the 'wet stuff' has reportedly been an almost irresistible lure to some of the youngsters touring the grounds. Many near-dunkings have been observed. There are also a few 'coins in the fountain' contributed by the sentimental.

For those persons who have not yet visited the fair, a reminder is given to include the gardens in their tours.

WICKER CONTAINER IDEA

A rough-textured, wicker wineholder can be used for a flower arrangement with a definite flow—almost like the wine itself. Try using delphiniums at the basket's either end, with miniature carnations and complementary greens grouped casually in the center.

Centerpiece Novelty

The Society of American Florists says you can arrange flowers for a centerpiece in an open work basket, water the flowers and still keep the basket dry! Here's how:

Line the inside of a basket with foil. Partially fill a metal, glass, or plastic container with water and place it in the basket. Pre-saturate a commercial foam flower holder and place it in the container so it is surrounded by water. Then insert flower stems into the holder at any desired angle. Add water daily to the container to keep the foam holder saturated.

Children Learn

Rules For Safety

Safety tips outlined in a recent school garden project carried out in Cleveland, Ohio, are applicable to youngsters everywhere and to adults as well.

Good Example Needed

Parents who are instructing their children in the safe use of garden tools and insecticides would do well to set a good example by carrying out such practices themselves, even though at the adult level the chance for accident is not considered as great.

Many a person has been seriously injured because some careless gardener left a rake or hoe with the sharp side up lying at random in the yard. If necessary or more convenient to leave garden tools out due to interruptions in the garden chores, make sure to force tines or forks deep into the ground where they will stay safely until work is resumed. The same safety procedure applies to the garden shovel. Even such a small tool as a trowel becomes an instrument of danger if it is left out where it may be fallen upon. With the trowel, also, the Cleveland study advises that you force the blade deep into the ground between uses. Children should be taught never to run in the yard when carrying tools of any sort, the study report continues.

Use of insecticides in children's garden plots should always be done under supervision with children being instructed in their poisonous effects. Careful washing of hands and other exposed skin should be demonstrated after the application of sprays and dusts.

Tool Care Important

Along with care to prevent accidents, child gardeners and adults should both learn of the advantages of proper care of tools. In the Cleveland project, children are taught to rinse and dry garden tools after use to prevent rust and make for a cleaner garden storage area. Also, returning the tools to their proper storage spaces puts an end to the frustrating hunt for the right tool when a gardening chore is undertaken.

To promote neatness in gardening, the study recommends that children be taught to carry a pail or other container to collect weeds and other debris for prompt disposal on the refuse heap or compost pile.

Turn Side Yard To Advantage

Lots of homes have a narrow side yard which, at first glance, looks absolutely good for nothing. But, hold on. This might be the perfect place for an outdoor living room.

It doesn't take much space to create a charming open air room when you use a wood deck as a base because the deck can be tailored to match the space available—and interestingly.

Try Pentagon

For example, you might try a pentagon shape in the side yard which will at once eliminate that long, narrow strip effect. It can be elevated slightly to correspond with the level of interior floors. Steps leading off at either side will provide access to and from back and front yards.

The only extra work in building a pentagon, or other intriguing geometric shape, comes in laying out the underframing. This may take a little figuring with pencil and paper, but it's worth the bother. Douglas fir deck boards, 2x4 or 2x6, can be laid in the usual manner—parallel to the house walls—and the ends simply sawn off to fit the shape desired.

Even though the deck might be close to the ground, a perimeter railing is in order to emphasize its unusual shape. This could be a rather open pattern, however—just widely spaced 2x4 posts topped with a cap board. On one or two sides of the pentagon, the railing might also incorporate a bench for permanent seating space. Low cedar planting boxes could be built along the balustrade edge on other sides to create a miniature, colorful garden.

Use Screens

If privacy is a problem in the side yard, substitute privacy screens for the balustrade where needed. A fairly tall screen designed with louvers or spaced 1x2s will do the trick, yet not interfere with air circulation or produce an enclosed feeling. Plastic panels, mounted in wood frames, window style, are another good possibility for privacy screens.

When the side yard is so narrow that a pentagon or trapezoid shape deck seems impractical, some home owners have turned the liability into an asset by designing an intriguing series of rectangular deck platforms joined together by short runways. In this case, a tall fence has been used to provide privacy to the area, and spaces between deck platforms are filled in with ground cover or shrubbery.

CARNIVAL

By DICK TURNER



"Y'know, Imogene, I thought the whole point in coming out here was to get away from it all!"



Zoo Denizens

ACROSS

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- 8 Confinement for a zoo lion
- 13 Measure (ab.)
- 15 Taj Mahal site
- 14 Above
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- 19 Dishwater
- 20 Sticky substance
- 21 Possesses
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- 26 Pillip
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- 30 Renounce
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- 36 Affirmative reply
- 37 Damsel
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- 41 Seed container
- 42 Violently
- 45 North or South
- 49 Group of persons
- 51 Possible zoo bird
- 52 Iroquoian Indian
- 53 Slagger
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- 5 Selves
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- 8 Gazelles
- 9 Class of vertebrates
- 10 Feminine nickname
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- 13 Zoo denizen from Africa
- 23 Raves
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- 29 Angers
- 31 Zodiacal sign
- 33 Protective covering
- 38 Island in New York bay
- 40 Citrus fruits
- 41 Pares
- 42 Genus of maples
- 43 Greater quantity
- 44 Among
- 46 Submissive
- 47 Indian
- 48 Poker stake
- 50 Three, times (comb. form)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Miniature Clowns - Dancers - Animals
The Lesselli Marionette
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I HAVE A DATE WITH CINDY AND POP WENT TO ME ANY MONEY
DADWOOD, YOU KNOW ALEXANDER CAN'T GO ON A DATE WITHOUT MONEY
HE HAS TOO MANY DATES
STOP COMPLAINING—I'M SURE YOU HAD JUST AS MANY DATES WHEN YOU WERE HIS AGE
I GUESS SO
AND WHO MAY I ASK WERE ALL THOSE GIRLS YOU WERE DATING?