

'Now' Is The Right Time To Move Favorite Potted Plants Indoors

In the early days of autumn, house plants that have enjoyed a summer vacation outdoors should be taken indoors so they may adapt to the environment there before artificial heat is turned on in homes, says the Society of American Florists.

Plants that haven't thrived outdoors during the lush days of summer, says SAF, aren't likely to improve indoors. Therefore those "weak-sister" plants should be replaced.

Gradual Change Needed

House plants that have benefited from the warm, moist weather outdoors need a period to become adjusted to the indoor climate again before homes are artificially heated. Otherwise, the abrupt change to hot, dry air of heated homes will be harmful to them.

The Society offers these care suggestions for house plants to be brought indoors: Plants should be sprayed with an insecticide to rid them of any insect pests, and the outside of all pots should be scrubbed with a brush and water.

The top soil of plants, still actively growing, should be removed and replaced with a mixture of two parts garden soil, one part thoroughly rotted manure, and bone-meal at the rate of a teaspoonful to each 6-inch pot.

Plants should be placed near windows, at either the sunny or shady locations they prefer, and they should be given routine care during winter months.

In replacing discarded potted house plants, SAF suggests that you follow these guidelines which will help you to develop a "green thumb":

1. Choose hardier varieties of flowering and foliage plants that require only moderate adjustments in indoors climate to thrive. 2. Learn the particular needs of the specific varieties selected, as to light, humidity, soil, soil moisture, temperature and plant food. 3.

Football Motif In Centerpiece

With gridiron fever rampant, you'll rate special cheers if you hostess an after-the-game party featuring a football theme.

Whether they have been rooting for high school, college or professional teams, pigskin fans like to "gather around" following an afternoon game to discuss the plays and analyze the game — especially where food and drink are served.

Suggestions Offered

Here are two suggestions from the Society of American Florists for table settings highlighted by flower centerpieces in the football motif:

Take narrow strips of a white fabric and lay them on a green tablecloth to form a gridiron pattern. Paint dowels and anchor them in styrofoam at one end of the table, to represent goal posts. Use a football helmet as a centerpiece for autumn flowers, such as mums and pompons. School or college colors can be repeated in your napkins made of fabric remnants. White or light green dinnerware, for example, would blend harmoniously in such a table setting.

If you wish to avoid showing partiality toward a team, design a perpendicular centerpiece of large white chrysanthemums, using a few brown leaves as fillers. Form a miniature stadium of white construction paper, about four inches in width, and place it around the base of the flowers. Draw several inverted "U's" on the paper to denote stadium entrances. Using scraps of felt of different colors, cut small pennants, tape them to pipe cleaners, and then the pipe cleaners to the inside "stadium" wall. Place a few brown leaves in front of the centerpiece.

Blend Colors

Use of a brown or burnt-orange-colored table cloth with lighter or darker shades of napkins, and dinnerware featuring a leaf pattern on a white background, would blend nicely in such a table setting.

Your colorful and unusual flower centerpieces carrying out the football theme will make you a party winner, even if the home team loses the big contest.

Prolong Flower Usage

A cut flower arrangement need not be a one-time affair. The Society of American Florists suggests dismantling the original arrangement and using the longer-lasting flowers for miniature arrangements. It is important to recut the stems diagonally and to strip off all foliage below the water line when you rearrange your flowers.

ORCHID TIP GIVEN

Orchids are one of the few flowers that will spot when touched by water. To hide water spots on white orchids, sprinkle talcum powder over the spots, suggests the Society of American Florists. It will hide the spots and the powder won't show.

BRIGHTEN COLLEGE ROOM

Some college rooms and dormitories can be mighty drab, especially for the coed away from home for the first time. One way to brighten the room, and reduce homesickness, is to give the student an arrangement of cut flowers or a homey green plant.

Learn the proper way of keeping the leaves of these varieties clean of dust and the plant free of insects and other pests. 4. Learn to recognize the signs that house plants give when they begin to get "sick," and take prompt remedial action.

Varieties Listed

Popular flowering plants that can be grown indoors include African violets, begonias, gardenias, flowering bulbs, geranium, gloxinia, tuberous rooted begonia and roses. There are many hardy foliage plants. Philodendron, for example, is extremely hardy and adaptable. The most popular small foliage plants include baby leaf ivy, gold-

en pothos, marble queen pothos, variegated nuphar, assorted ivies (including grape, ripple, English, geranium and gold dust), a sorted cacti, variegated peperomia, sansevieria (including sansevieria Zeylanica, gold striped sansevieria and sansevieria birdsnest or dwarf sansevieria), and white vein fittonias.

Among the most popular large display-type foliage plants are philodendron pertusum, ficus decora (red rubber plant), assorted dieffenbachias, philodendron cordatum totem poles, philodendron hastatum, assorted large leaf philodendron such as dubia, panduriforme and sellowm.

Prospects Poor For Cone Crop

Widespread reports of a generally spotty-to-poor forest tree cone crop in all primary tree species throughout Oregon dimmed hopes this week for many people intent on making a little extra from this important forest product, according to the State Forestry Department. The cone picking season normally begins during the latter part of August at low elevations and extends to about the first of November at high elevations.

Infestation Feared
Western Oregon's Douglas fir cone crop is spotty with the likelihood that the cones are infested by seed-eating insects. The ponderosa pine cone crop of eastern and southern Oregon is generally poor, which also applies to such species as noble, grand, concolor and other high elevation true firs. Other species including sugar pine, white pine, cedars, spruces and hemlocks are similarly affected.

However, local pockets of cones may occur in sufficient quantity and quality for collecting. The cones should be tested for seed count and their acceptability should be discussed with a cone buyer before picking in any quantity. Permission to pick cones must be obtained from the landowner and a harvesting permit secured from forestry officials.

The cone picking season extends through a period when the fire hazard in the woods is usually high. This is especially significant with the tremendous amount of blowdown timber resulting from the Columbus Day storm scattered throughout Oregon's forests. Certain forest areas are therefore closed to entry except by permit from a state or federal forest officer. During short periods of extreme fire weather a shut-down of all activities in hazardous areas is ordered and no permits are given. The immediate situation at any particular time of harvest can be secured from a local forest official.

Check List Given
Cone collectors are provided with the following check list: 1. Check first with cone buyers to determine species, origin and seed count requirements; 2. Locate suitable picking areas and obtain the landowner's approval; 3. Secure a harvesting permit from any state or federal forest official; 4. Check on fire regulations and closures, and get permits if necessary; 5. Better than heavy shade from evergreens. Deciduous trees allow plenty of light during the winter blooming time when the leaves are off the trees.

Dried Material Good For Decor

The possibilities for the fall and winter use of exotic foliage, pods, seeds and plant forms virtually are endless. Dried arrangements may be designed in any style, contemporary or period, to harmonize with any room decor.

For instance, colorful celosia, aspidistra leaves and feathery fern arranged in a classic container are ideal for a formal or traditional room. . . . artichoke flowers, preserved fern and baby wood roses in tall, modern containers, for a contemporary room.

Since dried arrangements are long-lasting, the temptation is to let a single design provide room decoration all winter long. This should be avoided, since even the most beautiful composition will become so familiar it will go unnoticed after a couple of weeks. Instead, have several dried arrangements and alternate them frequently.

A new look, and a change of pace, can always be given dried arrangements by the addition of a few fresh seasonal flowers.

State Fair Draws Glide Residents

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright and Tonya and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shrum, attended the State Fair in Salem. Three members of Mrs. Wright's 4-H horse club, the Gladys Hayburners, competed in the 4-H horsemanship contest at the fair. Members going to Salem for the contest were Judy Boone, Tonya Wright and Joe Brumback Jr. Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer and family moved from the Selby place last weekend to Anaslaska, Wash. The move was prompted by the serious illness of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Shrum and son, Bob, drove to Cottage Grove recently to attend a dinner party at the home of the former's brother, Kenneth Shrum, and family. Don Wright and Don Milborn spent the weekend at Charleston where Milborn has a fishing boat. However, they report because of the heavy fog, they were unable to take the boat out.

Dean Peough of Klamath Falls spent two days recently at the home of his fiancée, Helen Moore and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murray moved from Roseburg Wednesday to the cottage on the Selby place vacated by the Spencers.

BRAZIL BUYS WHEAT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Brazil has purchased \$94.4 million worth of wheat and wheat flour under the Food for Peace program.

The Agriculture Department has reported that Brazil will pay for the commodities in its own currency, 30 per cent of which will be set aside for U. S. uses, the remainder to be available for economic development loans and grants.

With The Garden Clubs

CAMAS VALLEY CLUB

Thirteen members of the Camas Valley Garden Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wayman Schmidt. The morning was spent on a lesson on triangular flower arrangements given by Mrs. Clyde Spurlock.

The lessons on flower arranging will continue throughout the year and the public is invited to attend. Next month's lesson will be on flower and vegetable arrangements suitable for flat dish and flat baskets, and will be given by Mrs. Spurlock.

Sack lunches were served at noon and the hostess furnished punch and dessert. At the business meeting in the afternoon plans were made for the club to take part in the Garden Round Up at the Veterans Administration Hospital Sept. 21-22.

Mrs. Warren Painter, assistant district director, explained that the public is asked to participate and try to make this an outstanding show. Mrs. Erwin Smith won the prize for making the best flower arrangement. Mrs. Wayman Schmidt presented the club with a check for \$80 for second place in the garden plot at the county fair. Plans were discussed for food and plant sale sometime in October.

OAKLAND CLUB

The first fall meeting of the Oakland Garden Club will be held on Sept. 23 at the home of Mrs. Hazel Haines. Mrs. Ann Cox will be co-hostess for the 1 o'clock luncheon which will begin the meeting.

Roll call will be to name a shrub that birds like. Arrangements of the month, using birds, will be presented by Donna Blanch, Eva Goodman and Ruth Bridges.

Decorations For Socials Used Singly Or Grouped

For club and church socials, try arranging pompons, cattails and oak leaves in inexpensive straw corucopias. One can be displayed on each small table, or the corucopia arrangements can be grouped together on a large serving table.

WATCH LIGHT EXPOSURE

Direct sunlight can injure African violets. An east or north window may be used the year round for these much-desired plants.

GLENDALE CLUB

Several members of the Glendale Garden Club attended the recent dedication of the Pitchford Juvenile Ranch at Winchester. They were much impressed by progress made since their last visit. Members of the Glendale Club have donated supplies to the Ranch and are showing a continued interest in it.

Those who attended the dedication included Mrs. Ralph Place, Mrs. Earl Buenger, Mrs. Florence Clayton, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Norman Caldwell, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. Ed Harris and Shelley Rae Harris.

Autumn Flowers For Indoor Use Rated 'Perfect'

Autumn's colorful beauty is not limited to the outdoors. The restful, easy-going colors of fall are perfect for indoor use, too, reports the Society of American Florists.

Many autumn colored flowers are plentiful during September. These include mums, pompons, tritoma, hammersweet, Japanese lanterns and love apple. These perfect fall flowers are ideal for home decorative use.

Fall flowers — mainly because of their colors — are most often used in a relaxed motif, but they also are effective in festive, picturesque or exhilarating arrangements for either that "special occasion" or a routine effort to make a room more livable.

And, best of all, these plentiful fall flowers are long-lasting. For maximum use of mums and pompons in flower arrangements, break the stems instead of cutting them. This helps the stems absorb water and keeps blooms fresh. Tritoma and love apple stems, however, should be cut diagonally with a sharp knife to facilitate their water absorption.

To prolong the life of mums, pompons, tritoma, and love apples, place the stem ends in a container of warm water and remove all foliage below the water line. A commercial flower preservative should be added.

Traditional uses of the plentiful giant chrysanthemums and pompons are respectively, for football games and for corsages for evening social events.

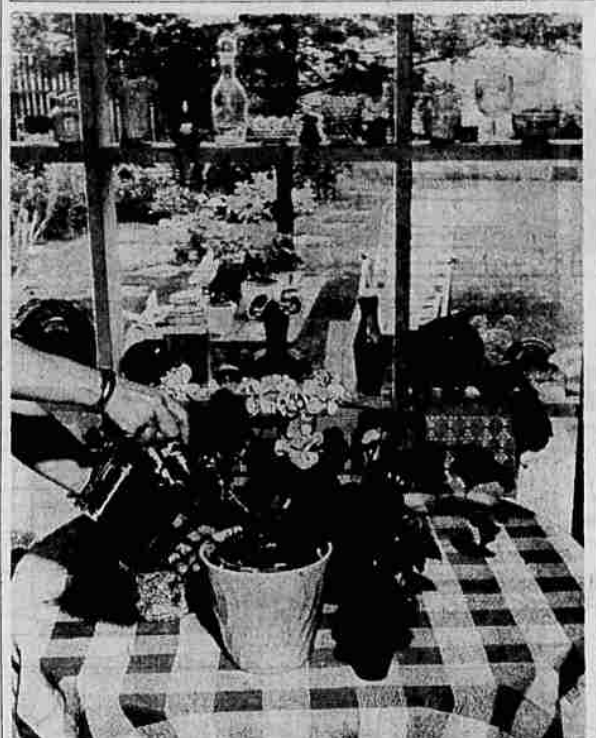
Home Wine Producers Must Make Notification

Persons intending to produce wine for family use must notify the federal government at least five days before beginning production.

This was the report today from the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division in Portland today. If the notification is not given the government, the wine is subject to tax and seizure and the maker is liable to criminal action.

Up to 200 gallons of wine may be produced annually for family use without payment of tax, if the wine-maker is the head of a family.

Forms for giving notice of home wine production may be obtained in this area from the division in Room 225, U. S. Court House, Portland.



FROM OUTDOORS TO INDOORS — This is a common procedure these days as gardeners bring in potted plants to brighten up the house for the winter season. The plants pictured are geranium, coleus and begonia. They will probably make the transition without losing any leaves as temperatures indoors and out are now much the same. As related in an accompanying article, now is the time to bring indoors those favorites you wish to enjoy during the winter. (News-Review photo)

Christmas Rose, If Planted Now Will Offer Blooms This Winter

The Christmas Rose (Helleborus Niger) is one of the most rewarding of perennials. It blooms during the winter months with its waxy, white blossoms. Then in April or May the new leaves spring up in the fall clusters and this new green is lovely also. The big leaves of this plant stay green the year around.

It is not a difficult plant to grow. It has only two requirements that are essential. These are a good rich loam and good drainage. Full sun is all right if there are trees, shrubs or even other perennials that cast part time shade during

the summer heat. Partly shaded places are good, better than too heavily shaded locations, as part shade makes for better blooms. Shade cast by deciduous trees is better than heavy shade from evergreens. Deciduous trees allow plenty of light during the winter blooming time when the leaves are off the trees.

Shade cast by buildings during the hot part of the day in summer is also good. No winter protection is needed as the Christmas Rose is a perfectly hardy plant.

When planting the Christmas Rose, dig a hole as deep as you would for a peony. Even if you have good soil to start with, dig in thoroughly some wellrotted leaf mold and coarse sand. Well-rotted barnyard fertilizer may also be used. Soil should be loose so it will not pack. Set the new plant so that the crown is level with the ground but the crown should not be covered with soil or mulch.

The Hellebores can be planted any time of the year but the best time is in the fall. It rests during the summer and does not need a lot of water, but it may share in the general garden watering. It should have enough water to keep the soil moist around its roots.

You can divide the plant after several years of growth by digging the whole clump in early spring, before new leaves appear, and prying the roots apart. Give it plenty of space and it will make a very large clump in a few years and continue for eight or ten years before it will really need dividing.

For the average gardener, it is better to let the plants alone so that they may become large and floriferous, and increase your planting by buying new plants, just large enough to have a few blooms, rather than set back the older plants by taking them up and dividing them.

You may cut the blooms for indoor use if you like. They last well in water if cut when quite young and not put into too warm a room. Change the water quite often. Arrange Hellebores with other greenery. Do not cut any of their own leaves as they are necessary for the plant's growth. After the new leaves have spread out in the spring, trim off the old leaves where they have turned brownish.

Near relatives of the Hellebores are the Lenten roses, blooming in the Lenten season in a mixture of varieties of the species, Helleborus orientalis.

Bottles Are Novel Flower Containers

In this era of casual entertaining in home recreation rooms, empty bottles can be most useful as containers for unusual floral arrangements.

With few exceptions, flower arrangements in bottles are informal in feeling since the very nature of the container itself is casual and unassuming.

The clever hostess can use a wide variety of flowers and green foliage in such arrangements. These vary from a simple rhythmic spray to a grouping of blooms to a highly stylized arrangement of cut flowers.

Limitations Few
Bottle containers inflict few limitations. One of these is that most bottles have a slenderness that requires a vertical design in the arrangements. A few types of bottles, however, have squat shapes that call for low rounded flower arrangements.

General speaking, bottles are symmetrical in design, but the overall arrangement is most attractive in an asymmetrical pattern or informal balance.

The hostess should seek compatibility between the flowers and container in size, color, texture, and spirit. For example, the casual composition required with a Mexican bottle could be handled with five sprays of celosia, ranging in color from pink to wine, and a spray of plum foliage.

Another suggestion is for a wine bottle in wicker which is casual and ties in with either modern or traditional decor. This arrangement can include three white pompons, grouped informally with autumn grasses.

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