

JUNE'S GARDEN

Village of Flowers (cont'd.)

Tapestries of rainbow colors grown from tiny flower seeds to mature gardens of beauty that surround the Chamber of Commerce building and 33 post planters throughout the business district of Cannon Beach are created by the talented and expert Master Gardeners Jan and Allen Fenton from Arch Cape.

Six years ago Fentons were inspired to volunteer to plant a garden that would enhance the distinctive style of the new chamber building that had been completed in 1990. The building's style is best described in a brochure Rob Spooner wrote, "The building radiates 'an essence of place,' embellished by the special skills of local craftsmen and artists giving the structure a regional identity." The gardens Fentons create each season now add the beauty the building deserves.

In 1992, working with Nancy Littell who was the director of the Chamber of Commerce at that time, the Fentons started the garden by adding new top soil and humus. Transplanting donated plants, mostly perennial, to the north side, they then planted bulbs, seeds and small plants on the south side including curbside planters. Each year spring's seasonal blooms of daffodils, tulips, columbine, forget-me-not, lupine, Lady's Mantle and more are followed by early summer flowers, like poppies, lilies, delphinium, replaced by dahlias, allium, varieties of artemisia, coreopsis, Boston daisies, the list is endless. There are always flowers in bloom. A list of 74 varieties of flowers and seeds Fentons save, along with a sample packet of seeds, is available for sale at the chamber's office.

Not only does this garden add beauty, it also caused several of the volunteers to become more knowledgeable to answer questions as to the names of flowers along with directing the hundreds of visitors who seek information about motels, restaurants, maps, etc. Red flowered Japanese Bishop dahlia, Shirley poppies and Lavatera are the flowers most often asked about.

Also, a tall, large, variegated-leaved plant with single lavender flower that grows north of the front door is a mallow, commonly called "tree geranium."

In 1993 the Fentons committed to volunteer more hours to plant and maintain the 25 post planters that are placed on top of the 8' posts which are placed along the sidewalks throughout the business district of Cannon Beach. Recently they added nine more. Through the five years of experience they have worked out a successful formula as to what plants perform best and with the least maintenance. At their home where the cleaned-out 12" x 12" wooden planters are stored on April 15th they start their plantings with fresh soil. In each container they add two Super petunias, two violas, two Swan daisies, two trailing geraniums, two lobelia, two lotus and one trailing verbena. On the post planter at the chamber they add nemesia and schizanthus. Memorial Day the planters are ready to place on

their posts.

During the summer, every other day starting at 6:00 A.M. they fill a large plastic garbage can on wheels with water. Each post-planter takes four gallons. The 32-gallon garbage can needs to be filled at least four or five times. They wheel the can throughout town, Allen climbing a ladder, deadheading and watering at the same time, Jan helping by lifting each container, finishing about 8:00 A.M. They then continue their work to water, deadhead and do general maintenance required in the flower beds surrounding the chamber building. The gardens and planters are fertilized with soluble "Miracle-Gro" every 10 days.

September 10th the post-planters are taken down, each completely cleaned out to prevent any problems of plant disease or insects, then stored over the winter at their home, ready for next year's spring planting. At this time they also prune and clear out summer flowers around the chamber for the garden to winter over.

The past experience Allen Fenton gained to add to his joys of gardening began in 1967 when he started a business on Hwy. 101 in Warrenton called "Fenton's Nursery." He worked with a Portland nursery and other successful growers of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals as to the required care, maintenance and best soil mixtures. He soon became knowledgeable as he had always been interested in all aspects of gardening. In 1985 he closed his nursery. When Ecola Square was first built, Allen worked with Beth Holland, who designed and planted the first garden in front of the square. During the summer months tables and chairs were placed in the front courtyard, which was a favorite place for enjoying an espresso or sandwich from the fish market and being rewarded by the garden's beauty. The original garden is no longer there. It is now under the care of others.

The Fentons completed a "Master Gardening" course a few years ago. The course not only teaches all conditions of gardening, but also encourages the students to reach out and teach others. For information call the Oregon State University Extension Service, Clatsop County 1-503-325-8573. Fred Lundin, agricultural agent, teaches the class. It is usually offered through the fall and winter terms.

From October to the first part of April the Fentons' well-deserved time-off is spent traveling. This year they plan to visit gardens and car museums in some of the southern states. They are active members of Antique Military Restoration Club and Classic Car Club. They own a 1949 Jeepster convertible and a 1952 Jeep. Both of these vehicles they restored. Allen also is a ham radio operator. Jan's background is in nursing and family counseling.

The beauty and dedication of hundreds of hours they volunteer their love of gardening, turning our town into a true "Village of Flowers," is their gift to all that live here or visit for a month or a day.



If you were asked the question "What is a tree worth?" how would you calculate that worth? A common answer would be it's market value for wood or pulp products? Or possibly one could attempt to assign a value to the tree's aesthetic worth. Obviously, there are as many variables as the people you ask. Recently I was acquainted with an interesting response by Professor T.M. Das of the University of Calcutta, India. He has figured the worth of an average tree living for 50 years at \$196,250. His premise is the cost of artificially maintaining the ecological functions provided by the tree. The breakdown of that figure is:

31,250	Oxygen Generation
62,500	Air Pollution Control
31,250	Soil Fertility & Soil Erosion Control
47,500	Recycling Water & Controlling Humidity

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Farmington NY 11735
Metro Mail Corp. 901 West Bond, Lincoln, NE 68521
National Demographics & Lifestyles List Order Service,
1621 18th Street #300, Denver, CO 80202

Reverse phone books are another source for mailing lists. Again if you contact them they will remove your name & address.

Haines & Company Inc, Criss-Cross Directory, 2382 East Walnut Avenue East,
Fullerton, CA. 92631

The telephone company offers a "No Solicitation Calls" listing for a nominal monthly fee. By law this protects Oregonians from uninvited sales calls. Call your phone company for specific information.

The following companies provide credit information. Ask them to remove your name from their files. Also request a copy of your credit report. Look for the section called "promotions", "promo", or "companies that request your credit report". Contact each company listed and request to be removed from their mailing list.

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Atlanta, GA 30374-0123
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TRW-NCAC, 12606 Greeriville Ave, Dallas TX 75243

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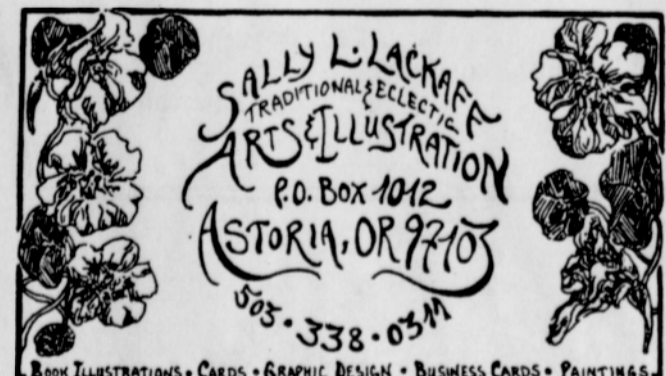


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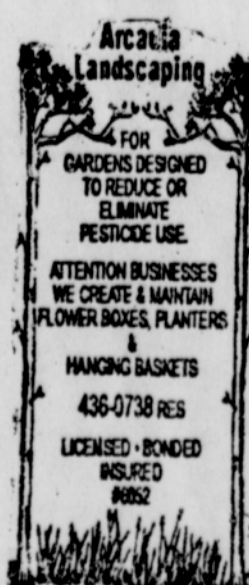
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Justice William O. Douglas



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