

June is month to get busy with plantings

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THE FOOD GARDEN: Volcanic rumblings aside, warm June weather is approaching and, in most Mt. Hood corridor areas, frost will have ended by the 15th. Higher elevations should still have emergency frost protection on hand.

Still time to plant short season sweet corn, carrots, pole beans, zucchini, turnips, onions, parsnips, long season beets, and bolt-resistant lettuce. Try a fall crop of peas at the end of the month; WANDO is a good choice for summer planting as it can tolerate the warmer weather to begin growth.

Continue maintenance chores, weeding, watering, fertilizing, mulching, thinning, for more leisure time for yourself and more food for

the table during late July and August. Plan spaces for fall vegetables now; start transplants of cole crops from seed to plug into empty spots in 6-8 weeks.

Try an overwinter garden this year; these specialized vegetables are direct-seeded June-August, overwintered with some protection (mulch, plastic caps), then harvested next spring or early summer. Developed chiefly in England, Holland, Denmark, and Japan, seed is available for cabbage, leeks, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, fava beans, carrots, Oriental mustard, onions, and kale. Territorial Seed Co., P.O. Box 27, Lorane, OR 97451, carries seed proven to overwinter and mature west of the Cascades.

BERRIES AND ORCHARD

FRUIT: Keep strawberries picked ahead of the birds by draping nets over the plants; feed plants after crop is picked. Renovate crowded beds by removing the oldest plants, retaining the strongest runners.

Thin tree crops for larger fruit, better production next year, leaving 4 inches between apples, pears, peaches. Set up a regular schedule for deep watering after fruit forms.

THE HERB GARDEN: Harvest thyme, hardy marjoram, lemon and lime balm, and the mints as flower buds start to show to capture the strongest flavor. You'll be rewarded by new growth and a second harvest in August. Use them liberally throughout the summer to spice up everyday meals, reduce dependence on salt.

Softwood cuttings can be taken

from many herbs this month. Fill a wooden box (be sure to provide drainage holes) 4 inches deep with a mixture of equal parts sand and peat moss. Moisten well and place in the shade. Remove 6 inches of new growth by cutting straight across stem below a leaf node. Remove leaves from the bottom 3 inches, dip stem ends in Vitamin B1 solution or Rootone, and insert 3 inches deep into rooting medium. Keep moist by daily or twice-daily misting. New root growth should occur within 3-4 weeks. Harden off cuttings gradually to sunshine before transplanting to permanent location. Try the thymes, lavender, santolina, oregano, the mints, pineapple sage, tarragon, winter savory, lemon balm, and rosemary.

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SCAPE: Take softwood cuttings of rhododendron and azalea when plants are done blooming. They can also be layered. Snap off spent bloom clusters before seeds form for more blooms next year. Feed a well-balanced, acid-based fertilizer when plants are finished blossoming.

Feed roses every other week with manure tea or fish emulsion. Cut delphiniums to 12 inches after flowers fade; feed and water well for second bloom late this summer. Lift and divide three year-old bulbs after tops die down. Naturalize a wooded path with excess daffodils for delightful early spring walks. Continue pinching chrysanthemum tips for bushy plants and more blooms in the fall. Keep mums on the dry side for healthier plants.

Thinking of starting a rock garden? Now is the time to plant

perennial rock garden seeds for next year. Prepare a fine seed bed using equal parts sand, loam, and peat moss, sow, and keep watered until seeds germinate. Thin to stand 3-4 inches apart; move into their permanent position in the rock garden this fall. Easy-to-start rock garden perennials include alyssum, armeria, arabis, iberis, dianthus, sedum, sempervivum, columbine, wallflower, santolina, snow-in-summer (cerastium), and sheep's fescue to name but a few. Most rock garden perennials are drought resistant, so be sure to plan for good drainage to avoid standing water around their roots.

To ask questions about gardening in the Mt. Hood corridor, write to Jude Ramsay Jensen in care of The Sandy Post, P.O. Box 68, Sandy, Or. 97055.



Charles Neighbors

Drama 'In His Steps' set at local church

A dramatic adaptation of Charles Sheldon's Christian classic, "In His Steps," will be presented on Saturday, June 8 at 5 p.m. at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is located at the intersection of Highway 26 and University.

The drama, a one-person presentation, tells the story of a group of Christians who revolutionize their community when they pledge themselves for one year to walk as

closely as possible in Jesus's steps.

Charles Neighbors portrays the Reverend Henry Maxwell, the central character in this famous story. Mr. Neighbors, who also wrote and directed this production, has worked professionally as an actor and director for over 10 years. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and the Orient.

The public is invited to attend.

Dedication service planned

The Sandy Assembly of God invites the Sandy community to join with them in an "Act of Dedication."

One acre of newly-acquired land will be dedicated Sunday, June 9 at an 11 a.m. service.

"The Sandy Assembly of God as a congregation is very grateful to God and this fine community for growth and development," said Pastor Dale Edwards.

"In the history of the church, faith and growth have been synonymous. Sandy Assembly has throughout the years come to crossroads of development.

"Each juncture has been an act of faith for the congregation, and in each case that faith has resulted in

growth and the needed finances to go forward.

"This community has been most supportive in its growth. We look forward to this very exciting day and encourage your involvement."

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Wedding held at Oral Hull

The Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind was the location of a happy event May 25. Nuptial vows were exchanged by Steven Ruzic and Karri Brodine, both of Portland.

The bride is the granddaughter of Glenn and Evelyn Mathewson, who are associated with the Foundation.

Pastor Michael McCall of Portland officiated at the service. They were married in the Rainbow Lodge in front of the native rock fireplace, which was banked with carnations and red roses.

The bride's wedding gown was champagne bridal satin with lace bodice and sleeves, and tiny pearls bordered her veil. She carried a bouquet of carnations and red roses.

Maid of honor Patty Ruthruff, and the bridesmaid was Terry Gagnier. The best man was John Ruzic.

A reception was held after the ceremony and a buffet lunch was served to about 75 to 80 guests.

The facilities of the park are only available to those who are in some way associated with the Foundation.

School accepts students

The Sandy Christian Kinderschool is now accepting registrations for the 1985-86 school year. Openings are still available in the three-day afternoon kindergarten class and in both the five-day and three-day afternoon

preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds.

For more information, call 668-5589 or stop by the Sandy Assembly of God office, 39800 E. Highway 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Dover school opens June 10

Dover Community Church announces its Vacation Bible School will be held for one week starting June 10. Activities are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily.

Pre-registration is open for students from age 4 through the sixth grade. For more information, contact Sharon Hoff at 668-4037 or Janet Drullard at 637-6161.

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