

Horticulture was an interest

Tree farm becomes retirement project

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Correspondent

From their hillside home off McCabe Road in Sandy, Nancy Stochosky and her husband, Bob, have begun the arduous task of clearing forested land for a small home business, Dowling Road Tree Farm.

They moved to Sandy 10 years ago from Milwaukie, where they had lived for 28 years and raised a family of seven children. "I'm mostly a housewife and mother," Stochosky said. "And my husband and I have been on the volunteer Timberline Mount Hood Ski Patrol for 14 years."

As veteran vegetable gardeners of 38 years, when they discussed retirement plans, horticulture caught their interest.

"We decided to start a Christmas tree farm as a retirement project," she said. "In 1982, I took courses in the horticulture department of Mount Hood Community College. I went for two years, but didn't go full-time and did not get a degree because there were some classes I didn't need. I went to learn grafting, propagating, how to grow plants, and got interested in the nursery business."

Working together, the Stochoskys have managed to carve the beginnings of a home business into their 30-acre hilltop site.

"Bob operates the large equipment, takes care of the Christmas trees and has built the greenhouses to my specifications," Nancy Stochosky said. "I do all the grafting, cutting



Nancy Stochosky and her husband have carved the beginnings of a nursery out of a 30-acre hilltop home on McCabe Road.

and fertilizing."

She is learning to grow many kinds of ornamentals, but her specialty is Kalmia latifolia, Mountain Laurel, an attractive, hardy, broadleaf evergreen shrub, which is related to the Rhododendron. It blossoms in late spring with clusters of showy flowers.

"Kalmias are very difficult to root," Stochosky said. "I get plants from Briggs Nursery in Olympia, Wash., that have been produced by

micro-propagation — tissue culture by removal of plant cells. I get starts in two-inch pots with plants one to two inches tall, then put them into one-gallon pots to grow them on for two years."

Meeting the demands of Kalmia during its growing-up stage is a challenge.

"In pots, they're difficult," she said. "They don't like a lot of moisture or fertilizer. They need protection from severe cold their first

year, and it doestake pruning to keep them from getting leggy. But once established in their permanent location, they do beautifully."

In December, Stochosky's greenhouse was lined with one-gallon pots of Kalmias, arranged in rows behind boarded floor beds, nesting in sawdust and covered with black plastic tarp, overwintering comfortably.

Stochosky will have four varieties of Kalmia latifolia ready for spring planting this year: Pink Frost, large, light pink blossoms; Olympic Fire, dark pink in bud, red in bloom; Bullseye, red blossoms heavily banded with white, distinctive reddish foliage; and Ostbo Red, bright red buds that open to pink. She expects to have another five varieties for 1988, and eight more for 1989.

Dowling Road Tree Farm is not a large-scale business venture. Stochosky is branching out a bit, and has a few other landscape items to offer this spring, but her emphasis is on quality, not quantity, and her focus is on the homeowner interested in collector's items or dressing up the home landscape with a special plant or two.

"I have some grafted and dwarf conifers, a few Weeping Pussy Willows and Weeping Larch, and some deciduous azaleas in red, tangerine, gold and pink, but not enough for commercial sale or shipping," she said. "At this time, as far as conifers and grafted stock are concerned, we want to appeal to the individual grower."

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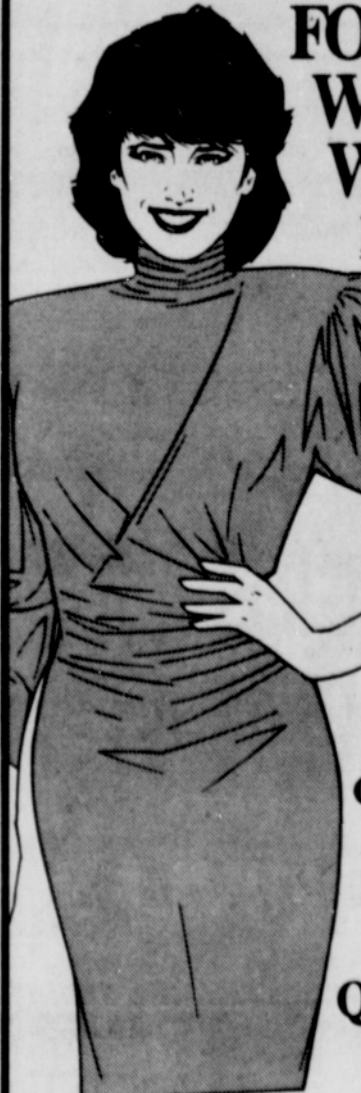
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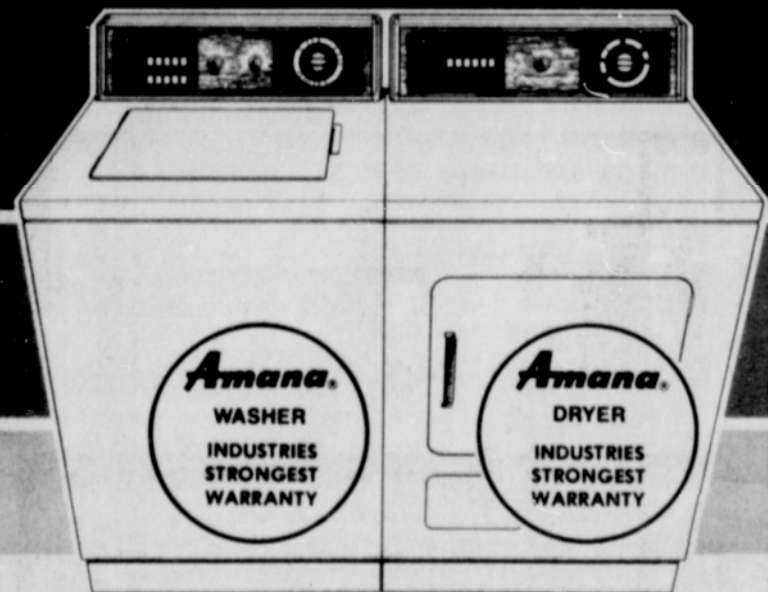
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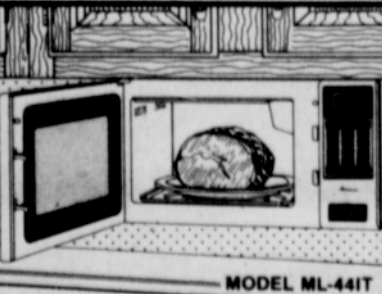
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