

Along Azalea Row

By Faye Sunderland

It's flower show time again. Old timers here (people having lived here more than a year!) know all about the Azalea Garden Club's annual Flower Show. For the benefit of "first timers" we want to impress upon you that it is an event for you to take part in as well as enjoy seeing. Anyone may enter an arrangement and it's lots of fun.

This year's show offers many new ideas. The theme itself suggests many possibilities. "America, the Beautiful,"—a salute to America—Alaska, with its scenic grandeur of mountains, rivers and untrammelled forest—Canada, the land of scarlet maple, the grey and scarlet of the mounted police, the old world quaintness that still lingers in its cities and way of life, a tribute to the young Queen Elizabeth—Mexico, the land of exotic birds, fruits and flowers. And Pan-America with

its outdoor living makes one think of patio arrangements or tropical marine scenes.

Our own first American, leads us down forest paths and arrangements of native greenery, moss and driftwood.

Added to all of these ideas for arrangements, is the conventional flower show divisions. The complete schedule will be printed soon and we'll discuss other arrangements each week until the big day arrives—May 31 and June 1.

I find the whole program one which teases the imagination. Just about anything you want to dream up, can be entered. So, ladies and men and kiddies too—start dreaming.

Don't forget that our May 8 meeting is a 1 o'clock pot luck luncheon in Azalea State Park

We are honored to have as our guest and also guest speaker, Mrs. E. W. Jermack, Siskiyou District chairman for the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. We are also entertaining the Gold Beach Garden Club. A fine program has been arranged. Mothersingers will be presented by Mrs. Rice, who conducts that group. Mrs. Vincent will present members of her ballet class.

Due to such a full and entertaining afternoon, it was decided at our April meeting to hold our business meeting at 11 a. m. in the park, leaving the luncheon hour and afternoon free to enjoy our guest speaker and our neighboring Gold Beach ladies.

As this is the last regular meeting before the Flower Show, it is urged that all members try to attend the 11 a. m. business meeting. Remember to bring extra table setting and lunch for our out-of-town guests.

May-Day Ramblings—

It's May Day. What does May Day remind you of? Well, I guess perhaps it depends upon how old you are. To me, May Day means May Baskets. Remember how we used to work for a week or so before May Day, fashioning little baskets? Shoe boxes were my favorite. They could be left in their oblong original shape, or cut down and made in to two square little baskets. Left-over crepe paper from Christmas and Valentine day was ruffled and carefully put on. Remember the gobs of home made flour paste we slopped on

the floor and over the table? Left over rolls of brightly flowered and ornate wallpaper came in handy too. Then the afternoon before May Day, we would go wild-flower hunting and end by practically scalping Mama's flower garden.

Then dusk, and the excitement of loading up with our gay little baskets, full of fragrant "Spring Beauties," Lady Slippers, Flags, Johnny Jump-Ups, and Cabbage Roses. Remember the thrill of leaving them, one by one on the doorstep of our favorite friends? Recall how we'd knock on the door and then make a dash for the nearest shrub? Being anonymous was part of the fun.

Children have forgotten or perhaps never heard of one of the sweetest of customs. Why did we let May Day go into the limbo of a discarded way of life?

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