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## Growing amaryllis turns black thumbs green

Arriving home from work can be more fun on dark evenings if giant, gorgeous amaryllis flowers greet you when you walk in the door.

Sometimes called Hippeastrum by horticulturists, amaryllis bulbs are sold this time of year in a variety of stores and in mail order catalogs.

These large lily bulbs produce thick, tall (up to 18-24 inches) stems rapidly. About eight to 10 weeks after planting, they produce huge trumpet-shaped blooms in white, pink, red, crimson, salmon or stripes. After blooming, long green strap-shaped leaves appear. With a little special care, an amaryllis bulb may

be coaxed to bloom year after year.

"They are one of the most gorgeous flowering house plants," said Ross Penhallegon, horticultural agent with the Oregon State University Extension Service. A new amaryllis bulb can make even the worst gardener feel talented.

For the first timer, amaryllis bulbs are commonly available in planting kits with growing instructions, a pot and peaty soil.

If you have grown an amaryllis before, you may want to try a more exotic variety, often sold as unplanted bulbs from nursery catalogs. Whether amaryllis bulbs are in

a kit or not, they have no root until they are planted in soil and have access to sun and a little water.

Find a well-draining pot about one inch bigger in diameter than your bulb. Fill the pot two-thirds full with rich, porous soil, preferably with some peat moss and compost. Plant the bulb, keeping the upper one-third of the bulb exposed. Water sparingly until growth appears to avoid root rot. Use no fertilizer until good roots appear. Keep the plant at about 60 degrees in a shaded area until blooming, then move into the sun.

New growth will appear a few weeks after planting. When a green

shoot emerges, the plants will grow rapidly if watered freely. When the pot becomes well filled with roots, Penhallegon recommends applying a dilute, complete liquid fertilizer.

The stalk will grow toward the sun or light source, so rotate the pot regularly to avoid having leaning stems. Stake the plant of the stalk grows more than 20 inches tall, taking care not to injure the bulb. Then sit back and enjoy the show. One to three huge blooms per stalk will last for several days, especially if the plant is kept in a cool room, especially at night.

### Notice Of Cancellation of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the public hearing previously scheduled to be held by the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met) at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 1996, at the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Room "C", will not be held because no requests for a hearing were received.

The hearing would have been held for the purpose of considering grant applications requesting capital assistance from the Federal Transit Administration.

One project under consideration is the Banfield Light Rail Communications Retrofit project. This project will make improvements in the communication and control components of the existing MAX system to make them compatible with the new Westside line. Partial funding for this project was approved by FTA in February 1996. Tri-Met proposes in this grant application to seek FY97 fixed guideway modernization formula funds of \$647,373 federal (\$809,216 total) to complete the project.

The other project under consideration is the replacement of approximately 940ft. transit buses and 25 minibuses used for fixed-route services. Section 5309 bus funding of \$4,962,500 federal will be requested for this project, which will cost a total of \$6,203,125 including 20% local match.

While formal public testimony will not be taken on the application at this November 20, 1996 meeting of Tri-Met's Board of Directors, the meeting is open to all. The applications are available for inspection at the Tri-Met Grants Department, 4th floor, 4012 SE 17th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Bruce Harder, Executive Director  
Finance and Administration

### Request For Qualifications Building Commissioning

Notice is hereby given that Oregon State University (OSU) is seeking to engage a firm to provide commissioning services for the Forest Ecosystem Research Laboratory, which will begin construction in the summer of 1997. The construction project includes a new research building of approximately 97,270 gsf, which will house College of Forestry offices, classrooms, laboratories, a state-of-the-art VAV air conditioning system, fume hoods, laboratory utilities, chillers, cooling towers, etc. The construction period will be approximately 2 years.

The request for Qualifications (RFQ) document may be obtained from Facilities Services, Oregon State University, 100 Adams Hall, Corvallis Oregon 97331-2001, phone (541) 737-7694. Or you may Fax your requests to (541) 737-3724.

Firms interested in this commission shall submit three (3) copies of their completed RFQ no later than 5:00 PM local time, December 3, 1996. Submittals received after that date and time will not be considered. Mailed copies should be addressed to: John Koch, Facilities Services, Oregon State University, 100 Adams Hall, Corvallis Oregon 97331-2001. Hand deliveries to: John Koch, Facilities Services, Oregon State University, Adams Hall, 606 SW 15th Street, Corvallis Oregon, 97331-2001.

### Funding Proposals Sought Self-Development of People Committee

In 1996 the Self-Development of People committee granted \$50,000 to support people in Oregon who want to address oppression caused by poverty or social systems and want to take charge of their own lives.

You can help spread the word to groups that might qualify for funding:

- There is no application form
- Deadline for proposals is January 8, 1997.
- Funded groups must initiate, control, and benefit from the project.
- Grants usually do not exceed \$10,000.
- Workshops for potential applicants will be held in Portland, Eugene, and Southern Oregon on or about November 20th.

For further information contact:  
Steve Mathison-Bowie, SDOP Chairperson  
(541) 345-8724 simb@aol.com

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### Sub-Bids and Material Quotes Requested

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"US Postal Service. The Portland Post Office is accepting applications for the 1996 holiday season. Perfect for college students on holiday break. \$9.00 per hr. Application packets are available at the State of Oregon Employment Division, 1433 SW 6th Ave, M-F, 8-5."

## Specially-assessed open houses

The State Historic Preservation Office is announcing November 1996 open house dates for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and receiving property tax relief under the state's special assessment program.

The list, which is distributed monthly, is also available through the State Historic Preservation Office and certain participating chambers of commerce, historical societies, assessor's offices and local landmarks offices.

Under the special assessment program, a property's assessed value is frozen for 15 years for purposes of

local property taxes. Owners of commercial properties may reapply for an addition 15 years.

In return for this benefit, owners are required to hold an annual open house for the public. The open house must be held at least one day a year for a minimum of four consecutive hours between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Owners may choose any day of the year except state observed national holidays.

To obtain further information on this program contact the State Historic Preservation Office, 1115 Commercial St. NE, Salem, OR 97310-1001; telephone: 378-6508 ext. 227.

## Central City Concern receives grant

Central City Concern has been awarded a federal grant to evaluate the effectiveness of Alcohol and Drug Free Community (ADFC) housing as a prevention to homelessness for chemically dependent individuals.

The one-year grant is through the Homeless Prevention Project, a collaborative program of the Centers for Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Treatment. It will provide \$95,000 over the next 12 months and is renewable for two additional years.

In the first year of the grant, Central City Concern will prepare a manual identifying and describing the therapeutic elements and intervention processes that contribute to the success of continued housing stability and participation in recovery programs. In addition, CCC will develop a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the ADFC model.

The Estate ADFC will be used as the model for evaluation. The 52-unit community has been located in the Estate Building since 1984. It serves nearly 250 diverse individuals a year. Most residents of the community are

referred from the Hooper Center, the major publicly funded detoxification program, and the Glisan Street Shelter for Men and Women. All Estate ADFC residents must be alcohol and drug free and be involved in a treatment program as a condition living in the community.

The Estate ADFC is the first step in the rehabilitation process of breaking the cycle of homelessness for substance abusers. Individuals reside in the Estate ADFC from three to six months, and move from there to a permanent ADFC at the Sally McCracken or Mark O. Hatfield Buildings.

The program received national attention with a visit from Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, in 1995. Representatives from communities throughout the country have visited the ADFC's in Portland since 1979. The organization owns and manages nearly 1,050 units of low income housing, primarily in Portland's Old Town. In addition, for 15 years it has managed Hooper Detoxification Center a Jobs Program and the Portland Addictions Acupuncture Center.

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## Housing Department awards millions for affordable housing

The Oregon Housing and Community Services department (OHCS) has awarded more than \$6.5 million in grants and tax incentives to 18 affordable housing developments around that State.

The awards are the result of the Fall Consolidated Funding Cycle, a process through which developers can access a number of programs with a single application form.

The State Housing Council approved the awards at their October 24, 1996 meeting in Eugene, Oregon. The Council, with a statutory

requirement to approve awards and loans above \$100,000, serve as the policy board for the Department, and sets affordable housing goals for the state.

The money will be used by both non-profit and for-profit developers for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation activities.

The units created as a result of this funding cycle will remain affordable for an average of 45 years. OHCS holds two Consolidated Funding Cycles each year, in the Spring and Fall.



Day of Caring volunteers from Tektronix, Inc. put a finishing coat on the Early Childhood Center at Neighborhood House, Inc.

## Free home repair

Housing Our Families and Christmas in April are working in partnership to repair and improve homes of low-income, elderly or disabled people in your neighborhood.

This is a unique opportunity for home-owners who are unable to afford essential repair work to receive free assistance. We will organize skilled and unskilled volun-

teers, donated materials and supplies, and will repair, paint, or clean-up approximately 10 houses in the area. If you answer "yes" to any of the following question, please call Kim at 335-0947 ext. 302.

- Do you live between N. Fremont, N. Mississippi N. Skidmore, N. Williams?
- Are you low-income, elderly or disabled homeowner?

• Is your home in need of improvement or repairs?

This is a community effort made possible by the hard work of neighborhood residents volunteering their time to help others.

For more information about how you can get involved with this exciting project call Housing Our Families at 335-0947 start making a change today!

## Unsure if you can afford to buy a home?

Find out what it takes to buy a house by attending free classes about home loans, home buying, and home ownership. The classes provide an overview of the home buying process using bank financing. Some of the questions addressed in the seminars are:

- What do I do if I have bad credit, or no credit at all?
- What home price can I afford?

- What would my monthly payment be?
- How much down payment would I need to have?
- How do I know if a house is in good condition? What if it needs repairs?
- What do I need to know after I'm a homeowner?

The class is designed for lower income home buyers, who are buying

their first house in the City of Portland. These classes are held each month. To register call 282-7744.

Classes scheduled for November evenings are on Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, November 7th, 12th and 14th and for December all day Saturday class the 7th at 9:00 am-4:00 pm. at PCC-Cascade Campus, 705 Killingsworth, Terrell Hall, Room 122.

## Do you want to buy a home? Desea usted comprar una casa?

Are you confused about how to buy a house? If your income is close to \$1,500 per month or more, The Portland Housing Center has Home Buying Classes (Translator available).

Ested usted confundido sobre como comprar una casa? Si sus ingresos mensuales son cerca de \$1500, o mas, per mes, The Portland Housing Center tenemos clases en español sobre como comprar una casa (Hay traductores disponibles).

Donde: PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, Terrell Hall Sala #122, cuando: Sabado Noviembre 16, 1996 de 9:00am a 4:00pm



### COMMISSION MEETING

Date: November 20, 1996  
Place: PDC  
1120 SW 5th Ave., Suite 1100  
Commission Conf. Room  
Portland, Oregon  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC or by calling 823-3200. Citizens with disabilities may call 823-3232 or TDD 823-6868 for assistance at least 48 hours in advance.

PDC is the City of Portland's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency.