

Perfect Weather to Develop Perfect Seeds; Save Them

IT'S TIME NOW TO SAVE SEEDS

Hollyhock one of Varieties Offering Most Gain For Replanting

Seed saving time is at hand. Some plants have already shed their seed, some are not quite ready but most all are on the verge of being ready to have their seeds collected. With care the gardener is able to greatly increase his flower supply, and many times he lets himself in for much interesting experiments with his seed saving and planting.

One of the seeds which it is wise to save and plant according to the opinions of many is the grand and stately hollyhock. If you do not have what you want in the way of varieties why not pay a call on your neighbors who do have interesting varieties and have interesting seeds? There was only recently an urgent request to make Salem alleys more attractive. Many hollyhocks have graced dark and dingy spots in Salem this year, and at least one alleyway has been beautiful all summer long just because of the high into the air that they failed to see the cluttered earth and made their observers do likewise. Now at this time of year would be an excellent time to save seed and place them at the proper time next spring at all places that need beautifying with a plant that is beautiful and still does not require fussing over.

Hollyhock is Stately

There is no more stately or decorative perennial than the hollyhock and no more democratic plant as well as aristocratic. It graces a barnyard or the entrance to a millionaire's estate with equal beauty. It even runs wild in the countryside and makes brilliant groups along roadsides.

Many people depend upon self sown seeds of their old plants to maintain a supply. While there will be myriads of plants, it is much better, and finer colors and plants are obtained by planting pedigreed seeds. They should be planted this month. The larger plants they can make this year the larger and finer the spikes will be next year.

Flower's Life is Short

While the hollyhock is a perennial, gardeners usually prefer to grow it as a biennial and be sure of a solid and regular group or border as a certain number usually succumb each year. The life of the hollyhock is usually not more than three or four years at most.

Where formerly the double types, rather stiff cushions adhering closely to a rather stubby spike, were the popular form of this plant, they have given way to the old-fashioned single types and those which are not so fully doubled as to destroy the grace of the bloom. There are many beautiful colors and strains in both double and single. The new pink is one of the favorites and one of the finest colors in the whole range of hollyhocks. New strains and colors are offered each year. The fig leafed type is one of the most graceful because of its deeply lobed foliage, suggesting the fig leaf in shape and the soft colors of the bloom and the branching spikes.

The Allegheny or fringed annual hollyhocks offer a fine range of color. They sometimes bloom the first year if planted early. Cha-

Lupin Beautiful Plant Which can be Grown in This Region Profitably

A plant that has much beauty and can be grown with excellent success in and about Salem is the lupin. It grows wild in many places of Oregon and the northwest and is beautiful as a wild plant, but the improved plant which is found in a variety of shades of blue, in yellow and some perfectly delightful and breath takingly lovely pink shades is a joy in any garden.

These plants are quite capable of making a dreary corner over into an appealingly attractive place. Both artistic shape of the plant, foliage and flower are a beautification.

However, it has proved the despair of many gardeners and there have been many conflicting directions as to its growth, some declaring it needed an acid soil and others lime soil. As a matter of fact the garden lupin, *Lupinus polyphyllus* is not particular as to soil so long as it is reasonably rich, but what it does demand and what gardens in many portions of the country cannot give it is cool moist air.

For this reason the finest lupins are grown on the northwest Pacific coast, in some of the Atlantic states and occasionally on the shores of inland lakes. In the great prairie states where dry hot summers prevail, perennial lupins are difficult subjects. Should it happen to be a wet, cool season they will flourish. The next hot dry season will see them dwindling and passing on.

It has been found that planting them in a shade or partial shade and incorporating peat moss in the soil to hold moisture and keep the root medium cool gives them a better chance than under ordinary conditions. By this method and copious watering in dry weather excellent plants may be raised.

The annual lupin should be the mainstay of those who cannot

not make a go of the perennial types. They grow much more readily and one does not have to wait a year for doubtful bloom. They make almost as fine a display as the perennials, have similar foliage and are much more generally satisfactory.

They have a range of colors in beautiful blues, roses and a fine soft yellow type that is much valued for cutting. Give them a soil with plenty of humus and see that they do not lack for water.

A packet of annual lupins will furnish an interesting experiment and furnish a beautiful bed of flowers, or an informal grouping near water, or a bright spot in a cool corner garden. Why not try some of them for your garden next year? Put them down for consideration on your trial list during your winter planning.

BEAUTY ACHIEVED IN HEDGE CULTURE

The idea of using hedges for other purposes than defining the lot line is by no means a new one, but the full possibilities for beauty the use of hedge plants is not fully appreciated by the home owner.

A well kept hedge is so ornamental that it will pay every home owner to consider its use in his planting scheme.

The protective hedge—usually thought of as being located on the boundary line or across the front of the property—constitutes the main use of the hedge. In this use the purchase and use of a hedge is often for utilitarian uses only—to keep the children and dogs from running across the lot.

However, hedges planted along the lot line or across the front are in many cases planted only for appearance's sake.

Hedges for Screens

One of the most important uses of hedge plants is for screening purposes and dividing the grounds into different parts. For instance, the service yard, drying yard, vegetable garden or garage court might well be set apart from the rest of the grounds with a tall growing hedge.

Hedges for this purpose, if to be clipped, can be grown from such plants as Buckthorn and Honeysuckle. These two plants adapt themselves to clipping and make a dense, impenetrable barrier. Wherever a screen, head-high is needed, and there is little space available, plant a hedge.

Ornamental Uses of Hedges

The trimmed hedge presents a formal architectural appearance, consequently it is used extensively in place of low or even high walls, to bound the outdoor living room and also along terraces and as an element in the make-up of a formal garden. The kind of plants used for hedges of this type varies with the locality and requirements as to height and density. Hedges are used in gardens as a boundary to the garden, or to bound flower beds, and to parallel walks or divide spaces purely as an ornamental feature.

There is no limit to the beauty possibilities of the hedge planting. The hedge may be trained to have all sorts of variations. It may be buttressed at the ends. It may be trained to offer varying outline on top with some

ter's double strain is a standard in this type.

The new Imperial hollyhocks have dark centers with the tips of the petals white.

The seeds germinate readily and the main care should be to get them transplanted where they are to grow as soon as two true leaves develop and before the tap root which they form has gone down so deeply that it will be broken in transplanting.

Air passenger rates between Paris and London have just been reduced.

What's Best Time to Plant Bulbs?

According to an article in "Horticulture" most gardeners begin to think of planting bulbs too late, that is everything but tulips. For the most part, according to this article, bulbs instead of being planted in October and September should be planted in August and even in July.

What is the experience of bulb enthusiasts in Salem? Send in your ideas to the Garden Editor of the Statesman and we will print them for the benefit of those who seek information on this subject.

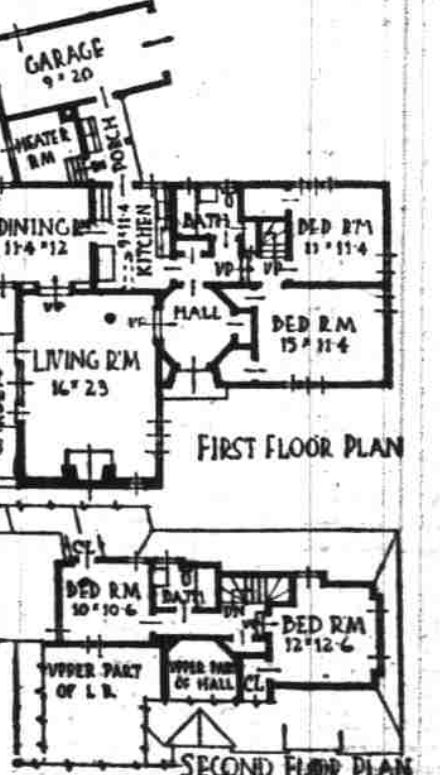


Two bedrooms on the first floor of this home make it possible to finish the second floor in accordance with the needs of the family. It can contain, with the same general proportions, either two bedrooms and one bath or four bedrooms and two baths.

The design contains several points of featured individuality, namely, a full height, beamed ceiling living room, and a circular full height hall, also beamed. Chiefly of lumber construction, it has an endwall of country rock.

The beauty of this design home cannot be appreciated if it is crowded on a narrow lot between two other houses, especially if they do not form a harmonious addition to the composition of the scene. This house requires a lot with a minimum of 65 feet frontage, a wider frontage is even desirable.

The plan provides easy communication between adjoining rooms through minor passage, thus preserving the hall a dignified atmosphere of welcome.



GARDEN FERTILITY HELPED BY LEAVES

Raking up and Burning not Best Procedure; They Have Real Value

What are you doing with the leaves in your yard? Small, blue smokes are beginning to be noticed about town, rakes are busy and garbage men are beginning to dread the extra loads to be collected from many homes where trees are plentiful.

Are you among those who are starting the fires and overburdening the garbage man? If so, even though it is not January 1, make a resolution and stay with it—convert your leaves into leaf mold and have a better, more vigorous plant life in your garden this next year.

At the Dan J. Fry Sr. home, there is not a leaf that goes to waste that is one except those that get swept away by the wind which now and then frisks the hills about and hurls the leaves into

parts higher than others. The top may be on square or curved lines. The hedge may even be trained over an opening in the hedge to form an arch. In fact, hedges are almost indispensable in the intensively developed landscape scheme.

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When fall comes in 1931, these leaves will be removed and used for fertilizer for bulbs being planted, for flower beds to be used in the spring and in any other place fertilizer is needed.

This fall the leaf mold has just been removed to make room for the new crop of leaves being thrown in. The Fry's are not yet planting their bulbs but soon it will be time and then the mold will be ready.

Remember the leaves placed in a pit this year are not ready to use until next fall. Even then some of the leaves will not have lost their shape, but will crumble quickly with pressure.

Places to View Today

Just turn yourself loose for an exploratory tour of Salem today and keep in mind two plants of unusually loveliness.

One is the barberry bush whose red, rather oblong berries are a gay burst of color beneath the daintily shaped, slightly jagged edged leaves, which are now showing slight tints of red as though they reflected the red of the berries beneath. You will find an unusually lovely example of this bush at the north entrance of the drive into the

grounds of the Dan J. Fry, Sr., home on the rise of the hill on South High street.

The bush is a native of Europe and was transplanted into the eastern states and now it being acclimated to the west. These barberries are a sure harbinger of winter and Christmas even though the warm balmy days are still with us.

The second thing to look for today which will give you pleasure each time it is encountered is the hydrangea paniculata, or the tree hydrangea which is now, and has been, in its glory for several weeks past.

One of the most beautiful ones that I have been able to find is that on the state house grounds, near to the connecting walk between State and Court street just west of the state building. It is nearest the State street side. In the early morning when the great elongated cones of blossoms are heavy with dew and the light is still a bit misty there could be nothing more graceful and beautifully fresh than those blossoms bending gracefully on slender stems.

Another splendid example of this bush is to be found in the corner of the John McNary yard, 385 North Summer street. If you look carefully you will find many of these graceful and effective plants, a splendid combination of bush and tree.

Soviet Russia shipped more than 350,000 pounds of confectionery to the United States in the last fiscal year.

far places.

The leaves are treated as precious material. They are carefully raked and piled in a pit, 16 or 12 feet deep and as wide and long in proportion. I fall long this pit is being filled as the leaves fall. Water, Oregon's good plentiful rain water soaks the leaves and little by little they mold and decay.

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Miss Schryver, Garden Expert, Is Suddenly ill

The Eugene Garden club was disappointed in not having with them Miss Edna Schryver, who was to speak to them September 17 on the subject of "A Year Round Garden." Miss Schryver suffered a serious and sudden attack of appendicitis over a week ago and an operation was necessary.

The Eugene club is planning two new features for its activities this year: The work of the month in the garden will be discussed at each monthly meeting and a study of flowers grown commercially will be made.

Members of the Eugene club motored to Salem Friday and were guests here during the day while they visited several Salem gardens. Those who were here were Mrs. Raymond Walsh, Mrs. Nombalala, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Tiffeny.

Riches off for Monmouth Study

TURNER, Sept. 20 — Waldo Riches is leaving Sunday for Monmouth Normal school. This is his second year. He will do his practice teaching during the fall term.

The woman's missionary society of the Christian church was entertained Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap. Mrs. Frances Whitehead was joint hostess. Mrs. Frank Cook led the program, the subject

being "Christianity Among the Jews."

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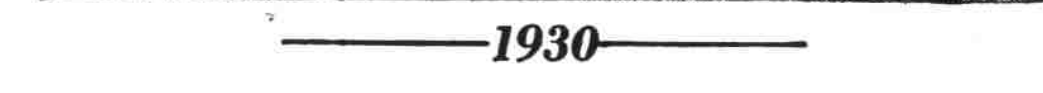
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