

More for Your Money

Fresh Flowers Add Gracious Touch to Your Table, Arranged Inexpensively

By Sue Gardner

A centerpiece of fresh flowers or a vase of gay blooms, will add a gracious touch to a room. Floral decorations need not be an expensive proposition. With a little thought, you can make an arrangement of your own that will be individual and attractive at a very small cost.



If you have your own garden, you have no real problem because you can bring in flowers or foliage in small amount for decorating a table or a sideboard. You might have a large sectional dish that looks well with celery, olives or canapes yet the party does not justify filling it full of food. You can use the empty sections to flow a wide open rose or gladiolus for color and composition.

Almost any flowers that open flat will float in a flat dish to a centerpiece. One hostess of my acquaintance cut three carnations or three roses and leave them out long enough to open fully before her guests arrive. In her country home she took a few pond lilies or even daisies for a floral centerpiece. With such arrangements, you add a few green leaves. You might use some of your family cut glass such as an old celery dish to add a different touch to the flower arrangement.

One way of making a festive floral addition to your table for a small party is to make individual corsages of any small flower, such as pansies or ranunculus roses, by putting a hole in the center of a paper doily and drawing the stems of the flowers through this hole. You can put such a corsage at each place with the stems in a low glass—

low enough to be hidden by the doily.

You usually find that odd numbers make good floral arrangements. Seven roses work out nicely for a table decoration, and you can use the other five for another spot in the room, if you do not want to buy odd numbers of flowers. For pottery vases or flower holders, use the heavier leaves — lemon leaves have a nice odor. For glass arrangements, fern give a more delicate look. Should you decide on a more elaborate centerpiece, start the arrangement, then sit down and make sure you can see easily across the table, over the flowers. There is nothing that spoils table conversation like playing hide and seek with your guests around a vase of flowers. If you like all flowers, such as gladioli, lily-of-the-valley, or chrysanthemums, cut the stems to size, or use them in a side table, rather than have them overshadow your table.

Soon it will be time for early autumn entertaining and you can solve the floral problem with such items as bayberries, Japanese lanterns and buttersweet that will give a gay touch to your home, yet last for many weeks with only an occasional justing. Gourds can be used for table decorations with autumn arrangements. Later on, when Halloween and Thanksgiving come, you can take a ripe pumpkin, scoop out the pulp for pie or tarts, and line the center with aluminum foil. A few fresh flowers will look very well in this homemade yet most appropriate "vase." It is a good idea to invest in wire and pottery flower holders so your blooms will stay in place in wide necked bowls or vases.

In the autumn, it is most appropriate to combine fruit and flowers or fruit and leaves for a festive table. You can make your own cornucopia by wind-

ing wire into the shape of a horn and covering it with leaves. Let the "contents" of this horn of plenty — grapes, "mums," nuts and berries — spill out on the table for an effective centerpiece.

Other combinations can be achieved effectively with the use of candles or figurines together with flowers. Before you buy any flowers for this type of decoration, study your favorite figurines and take the color scheme from the figures. Here again, you do not need a wealth of flowers — you want the small ootery or china pieces to show up as well as the flowers.

When using candles, it is safest to stick to white, unless you understand color harmony. At a recent buffet dinner, the hostess had a great many flowers heaped on the table, and many, many orchid colored candles that looked just a bit sickly with the pretty blooms. You can arrange an interesting candle and flower centerpiece by using three rings of wire or four small candle holders with flowers placed between the candles. For this, choose a flower that will last a few hours without water.

For a long and narrow centerpiece, try a cascade arrangement. Keep the height to one side and let the flowers, figurines or candles down low on the other. Never have a combination of decorations all at the same height — one should be lower than the other for an effective decoration.

A modern home needs a dramatic flower arrangement. One hostess I know prefers Anthurium, a member of the orchid family, also called "Devil's Poker," for her autumn and winter parties. She says these gay red and yellow flowers are not expensive since she can make a most effective arrangement out of three of them with unusual leaves for contrast. She also pointed out that with care these flowers will last three weeks in her city apartment.

White calla lilies are another dramatic flower and need not be kept just for bridal bouquets. They can be used also in small numbers, with shiny green leaves for a modern dining room table.

If you use a colored table cloth or one with a design, have your flowers all in one color for harmony. Children can develop an early interest in flower arrangements and an artistic appreciation of them, if they are allowed to set their own party at the family table occasionally.

Street Improvement Sought at Silverton

Statesman News Service
SILVERTON — The city council this week heard complaints that improvement of South First street is being held up because some residents don't want to pay for it.

E. K. Cramer, spokesman for residents on the street, told the council the street is almost impassible during the winter.

The council suggested two "outs" for residents who desire street improvement. One was to improve the east half of the street and to skip the southwest half where property is owned by

residents who reportedly desire no change.

The other was the Bancroft act by which 51 per cent of the owners could force all to make the improvement and pay the expense. Cramer asked City Attorney Rex Albrigt to prepare petitions for the latter method.

Albrigt said that cost under the Bancroft act would be more than if the contributions of all property owners could be obtained willingly.

RED PAPERS BANNED

HANNOVER, Germany, Aug. 12 (AP)—American and British occupation authorities today banned four more communist newspapers, bringing to eight the number suspended since August 3.

Club Women See Children's Home

Statesman News Service
LIBERTY — The picnic dinner of the Marion County Federation of Women's club held at the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis last week was of special interest to the members of the Liberty and Salem Heights Women's club. Representing the Salem Heights Women's club were Mrs. Orville

Raymond and Mrs. Paul Griebel. Representing the Liberty Women's club were Mrs. John Dasch, Mrs. W. J. Hall, Mrs. S. B. Davidson, Mrs. Roland Seeger, Mrs. Harry Knepper, Mrs. Letitia Clark, Mrs. William Lustoff and Mrs. James Falk.

A short business meeting followed the picnic dinner, which was served by the girls from the home. The group was later taken on a tour of the grounds and visited the cottages.

ANTI TB WORK ENDS

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—An international medical team working with the United Nations children's emergency fund, is winding up its work here after examining nearly 300,000 Israelis for tuberculosis and other diseases. The team headed by Dr. Olie Horwitz of Copenhagen, Denmark, announced 177,000 Israelis had been vaccinated against tuberculosis since the health campaign was started Nov. 1, 1949.

Extravagant Praise Heard For New Facial Cosmetic



Other astonishing results in contour correction and improved skin appearance have been reported with a treatment which has been undergoing tests during the past year. Just as important as the new product used, which is a blend of rare oils and estrogens, is the manner in which it must be applied, which above sketches indicate. Requires ten minutes daily.

BY JANE ALLEN

What apparently looks like a small atom bomb to the field of facial treatment has just been released locally.

For among the long list of rather astonishing claims made for the treatment are statements that it will help flatten little puffs that form on jawlines, help reduce double chins, help smooth out lines from mouth-to-nose, and help improve sagging muscles.

And although it sounds almost as though it should fall in the "too-good-to-be-true" classification, it has been launched by a well-known cosmetic house which is noted for understatement in claims for its products.

Special Method Developed
The treatment, which takes but ten minutes daily, consists of application of the blend of rare oils and estrogens according to a special method which has been devised.

The treatment has, for the past year, been undergoing rigid testing, on skins which had chronic under-skin eruptions, on complexions which looked sluggish and thick, and on those who had distinct contour faults.

And it has been reported that under-skin eruptions cleared in a short time; that sluggish skins had an awakened quality; that corrections such as smoothening of mouth-to-nose lines, flattening of little puffs that form on jawlines, reduction of double chins, and a more perfect general alignment of facial contours resulted; and that "My skin has never seemed clearer or finer" was an expression most often used by those undergoing treatment.

Fresher Skin Claimed

Firmer, fresher, finer, smoother, cleaner and clearer looking skins, resulting in skins with a young, translucent quality are further claims which they say have all been substantiated by their laboratory chemists with the unique astringent and oil blend, which contains no hormones.

The blend must be used according to very specific instructions, some idea of which may be gained from the accompanying sketches. A little pamphlet outlining the method in detail is enclosed with each bottle.

They have found that results begin to show up inside one week, when the treatment is followed to the letter and faithfully, and that "the effect within three weeks is usually startling." And that "continued daily treatments will continue to maintain and improve appearance."

Two types of the blend appear, one for dry and normal skins, one for oily skins.

Yours Declared Purer

Comment of a successful Broadway actress, who tested the treatment for the house, was that "I really look ten years younger, and in such a short time, too."

An amusing story is of one New York tester, who had occasion to go south quite frequently. During her visits after the treatments began, she began enjoying the comments of "how well you are looking," made with a slightly quizzical expression, until someone finally burst out with the query on one visit, "Now look, what have you done, had your face lifted?"

Monmouth Folk Make Long Vacation Trips

Statesman News Service
MONMOUTH — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Guenther and their four children are on a motor trip to Wisconsin, Mr. Guenther's native state. They went first to Madison to visit his father, and will visit also at Spencer and Colby. Mrs. S. J. Williamson accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cookingham (Melva Williamson) are home from a long transcontinental trip.



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