

# Farm, Home and Garden

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## For A Colorful Fall Garden



Hanging pots of tuberous-rooted begonias are a colorful addition to the autumn garden up to frost. In the past five to 10 years, the Willamette Valley has recognized the full value of these flowers. (Statesman Farm Photo).

## Geranium Cutting Time Here

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Now is the time to start your geranium cuttings for next summer's plants. While a small greenhouse or a cold frame is desirable, starting geranium cuttings can be done without either one. A vacant window sill, a basement window (if basement isn't too cold) or some such place will do. A sun porch is very satisfactory.

Take an end piece of growth, cut stem cleanly below one of the "joints." Be sure there are two or three joints to the cutting to take. Cut off lower leaves and any flower buds but leave a couple of leaves at the top.

If you have had trouble with geranium cuttings decaying, dip the ends in lime or some rooting agent. Good sharp sand is a very good substance to use. This should be kept moist but not soaking wet.

Roots should form in about two and a half weeks. Along in January, shift the rooted cutting to a three-inch pot and when the plant has grown and the pot is filled with roots, shift to a five-inch one and leave it in this until you set it out in the spring. Use either a flat or a large pot in which to root, rooting a number of cuttings in the one container.

Flowering shrubs do so beautifully in the Willamette Valley that more, it would seem, should be grown here. So many of these bloom early in the spring and add color to our garden when we need it. Most of these may be planted successfully during the fall. Here are just a few you might be interested in if you do not have them:

Daphne Somerset, a fragrant and easy to grow hybrid daphne originating in England a few years ago. Blooms during May and early June, the plant being covered with a delightfully scented bluish-pink, star-shaped flowers in clusters six to eight inches long. The fragrance is not unlike that of Daphne Cneorum or Viburnum Carlesii.

Hydrangea Domotoi, a hardy semi-double hydrangea. Has large, globe-shaped clusters of bloom, 12 to 15 inches in diameter. The flowers are well above the foliage and last eight to 10 weeks or more. The color is pure pink or alkaline soil but will change to a light blue if the plant is grown on acid soil.

Philadelphus Belle Etoile (Beautiful Star), the flowers of this are almost lily-like in shape. The bush grows about five feet tall and in very orderly manner. This had the Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain. Innocence, the new alabaster-white mockorange, with long arching branches completely filled with large single very white flowers. This is just a little taller than the Belle Etoile.

Viburnum Burkwoodi, the English Hybrid grown as improved Carlesii. Waxy bluish-white and delicately fragrant, the flowers are produced in early spring when the leaves are beginning to unfold.

Peat moss has wonderful insulating qualities. When used as a mulch it keeps out cold and heat. It's an excellent winter covering, applied now and it's just as good a summer mulch, when applied in the spring.

If turf webworms are at work in your garden, making brown patches of dead grass, try dusting with lindane, available at garden supply stores under various trade names. Follow the directions on the container.

The surface of the Gulf of Mexico is roughly 6 inches higher than the Atlantic ocean, says the National Geographic Society.

haven't received them yet. Is it getting too late? R. L.

Answer—Not at all. Tulips are best not planted until mid-October to mid-November—anytime in October and on up to November 15 is a good time, however.

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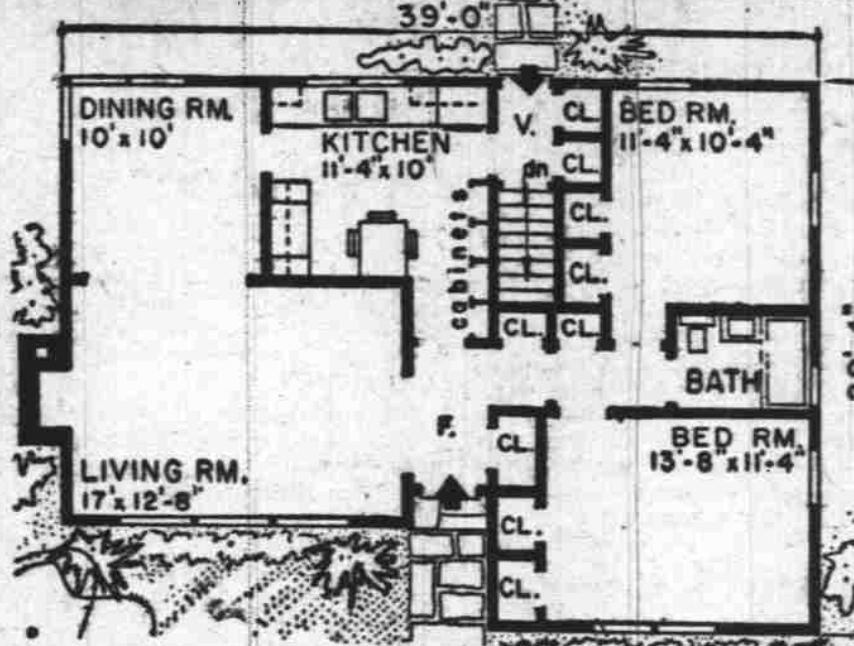
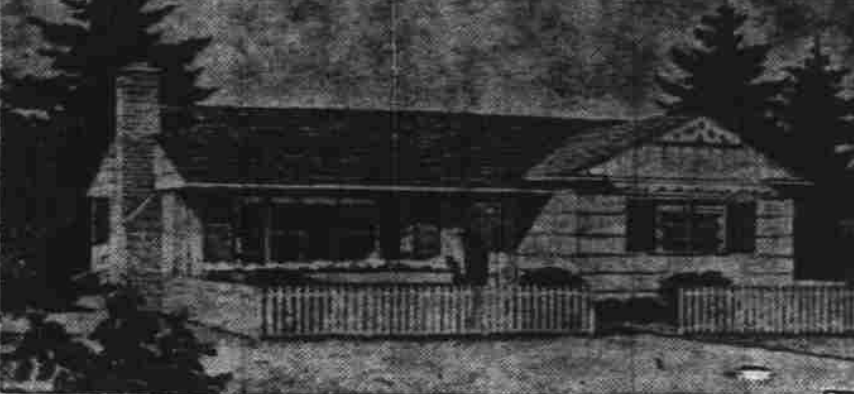


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## Lyons Flower Show Lists Many Winners

Statesman News Service

LYONS—Outstanding sweepstakes honor at the Lyons Garden Club Fall Flower Show, went to "The Horn of Plenty," arranged by Gertrude Weidman and Laura Neal, while the tri-color award in horticulture went to Helen McClurg on her collection of fuchsias; on arrangements, to Mrs. Weidman, and on vegetables to Gladys Hargreaves.

The show was held at the Rebekah hall with Gladys Kuiken as general chairman.

The top arrangement was a buffet affair of white gladioli, while the tri-color award on vegetables was won on a huge squash. Mrs. McClurg received a box of bulbs as her award; Mrs. Weidman a vase, and Mrs. Hargreaves a set of garden tools.

Given honorable mention was Glen Julian for his display of specimen fuchsia blooms.

First place winners were: Dahlias, Mrs. Clarence Pietrok, Laura Neal, Elva Kuiken, Mrs. Marvin Long, Forrest Nydegger, Helen McClurg; asters: Mrs. Long, Kathleen Manning, J. L. Chamberlain; zinnias: Gladys Kuiken, Eva Bressler, Beth Prideaux, Laura Neal; Marigolds: Mrs. Kuiken, Laura Neal; gladioli: Laura Neal, Mrs. Long; roses: Bea Hiatt, Elva Kuiken, Agnes Brotherton, Helen McClurg; Helen Johnson, Gladys Hargreaves; petunias: Evelyn Julian, Helen Johnson, Gladys Kuiken, Bea Hiatt; cosmos: Gladys Kuiken; stock: Helen McClurg.

Sunflowers: Laura Neal; cockscomb: Evelyn Julian; summer chrysanthemum: Helen Johnson; hydrangea: Esther Giesler; Golden Rod: J. L. Chamberlain; carnation: Bea Hiatt; flowering maple: Gladys Kuiken; anemone: Helen McClurg; ivy geranium: Helen McClurg; Rubrum lily: Laura Neal; tuberous begonias: Elva Kuiken, Helen McClurg, Forrest Nydegger; fuchsias: Helen Johnson, Glen Julian.

Arrangements, miniature: Frances Garsjo; floating: Helen Johnson; buffet: Gertrude Weidman; dinner table: Frances Garsjo; in pairs: Gladys Hargreaves, Fran-

ces Garsjo; moss: Mae Patton; As you like it: Gladys Kuiken.

House plants, calla lily: Mae Patton; African Violet: Jewell Harnell; Angel Wing begonia; Martha Cruson; foliage begonia: Jewell Harnell; coleus: Mrs. Viola Zander; cactus: Gladys Hargreaves.

Vegetables and fruit: Cabbage: Anne Pietrok; squash: Gladys Hargreaves; corn: Martha Cruson; tomatoes: Laura Neal; green peppers: Martha Cruson; beans: Gertrude Weidman; cucumbers: Frances Garsjo; carrots: Gertrude Weidman.

## TVA-Like Project Planned in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Japan is going to undertake a sort of Tennessee Valley project and will spend about 748 million dollars in harnessing hydroelectric power.

There will be 11 power units, each with its series of dams. They will stretch from Kaido, the northernmost home island, to Kyushu Island in the south.

The Electric Power Resources Development Corp. says a big corporation will be capitalized with \$9.5 per cent of the stock. The project will take about 10 years to complete.

STAMPS NOT GREENBACKS

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—A traffic violator has learned that greenbacks and green stamps are not the same thing. City Attorney George Richardson returned 100 green merchandise stamps mailed to him as payment of fines. Richardson asked the motorist to remit \$2 instead.

Sept. 21—Early English Chrysanthemum Show, Oregon Junior Auditorium.

Sept. 23-25—Santiam District Flower Judging and show school, Albany, Mrs. W. G. Stellmacher, Tangent director.

Sept. 27-28—Early Chrysanthemum Show and Field Day, Corvallis.

Sept. 27—Santiam Grange Harvest Festival, Lyons.

Nov. 20-21—67th annual Oregon State Horticultural Society, Memorial Union Building, Corvallis.

Dec. 4-5—Oregon—Washington Nut Growers Society, annual meeting.

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## Question-Answer Box

Question—When should cover crops be sown and on what should they be used? What about rose beds? Mine seem to need humus very badly. P. F.

Answer—Sow cover crops now. They are particularly useful in the vegetable garden where winter crops are not produced. Vetch, wheat, rye, crimson clover, oats or a combination of legume and grain are very fine for cover crop purposes. Fertilizing cover crops will insure a bigger yield and more humus for the soil. The fertilizer will be returned to the soil when the cover crop is turned under.

Barnyard fertilizers are better for the roses than the cover crops. The roots of the latter go too deep to be growing in a rose bed. Besides roses are surrounded by heavy, lush cover crop growth are apt to mildew.

Question—Can you tell me where there are some Chrysanthemum shows? L. N.

Answer—Watch garden calendar. The Corvallis show is one of the finest and most interesting in this area.

Question—Where should we plant lily of the valley? When? L. J.

Answer—An ideal location for the lily of the valley is in part shade and rich, moist soil that is still well drained. To grow abundantly, the lily of the valley should be given plenty of barnyard fertilizer. Before planting, it is well to prepare the soil thoroughly by digging and enriching with old manure or compost, and a liberal amount of bonemeal.

Plant the pups close together and cover with one and a half inches of soil. Plant in autumn.

Question—When and where are there any more flower show judging schools? A neighbor of ours attended one about a year ago and never got through talking about how much she got out of it. Would like to go to one if I could. Are they costly? W. M. G.

Answer—Look at Garden Calendar on this page for dates and place. Your card is postmarked Albany so you should not have far to go to the school which is in the old Riverside Community Club hall.

Question—Is there any laurel smaller than the regular English Laurel? Have been told there is. Can you tell me what kind of laurel this would be? E. K. O.

Answer—Yr. Zabel Laurel is a dwarf growth, seldom getting taller than eight feet. Portuguese laurel has smaller leaves than the English but grows rather large.

Question—Have a lot of nice tomatoes but they fail to ripen this year. Don't believe many of them will be ripe before frost. Never had this trouble before. What causes it? A. D.

Answer—Am not sure of the cause but do know that a lot of folk are complaining that tomatoes are not ripening well this season. Willamette valley gardeners should always plant some of the early and mid-season tomatoes. We forget that some mature much earlier than others.

Question—There are all other types of flower societies. Can you

tell me if there is a Geranium Society here? We had a lovely one in the East where I came from. E. C.

Answer—A Geranium Society was recently organized in Portland and that is the only one I have heard of in this area.

Question—Tried starting African Violets in water but leaves got down in and decayed. How can this be done? Or can it? Have you seen it? F. L.

Answer—Yes I've seen them started this way. Mrs. Ludvig Meyer at Silverton did a beautiful job of covering a glass of water with a piece of wax paper, fastening it in place with a rubber band and poking two small holes through it at the top of the glass. The wax paper held the foliage up, out of the water with the stem down in the water. The water reached just to the edge of the leaf, and a very excellent set of roots developed on each leaf stem.

Question—Can perennial phlox be planted in fall? Or do we have to wait until spring. Want to start gardening now and have an excellent place for a perennial border. Our place is new and we want to do some planting this fall? Also what about roses? I have an ideal spot for a rose bed. Can these be planted this fall? Like a solid planting of each kind. That is am dividing the rose bed into with copper shades. Please tell me three spots and what three kinds of roses. One red, one yellow and one with copper shades. Please tell me three good varieties for this. I. H.

Answer—Yes, perennial phlox can be started in the fall. Usually I like to start the perennial border in the spring. Sometimes some of the plants do not winter over well.

However, a lot of gardeners like to start their perennial garden off in fall for earlier spring bloom. Just be sure that the ground is well drained so that the plants do not stand in water all winter.

Roses plant very well in November or again in February, although they can be planted successfully about anytime. It would be difficult for me to pick the three roses you might prefer. You might choose red ones from: Heart's Desire, San Fernando, Nocturne, Mirandy, Christopher Stone, Crimson Glory; yellow shades: Butter-scotch, Mrs. E. P. Thom, Phyllis Gold, Eclipse; copper shades: Hill Top, Forty-sinner; Taffeta, Edith Willkie (Pink with a yellow tone); Duquesa de Penaranda. And then expect I have missed some in each color you might like better than these I have mentioned.

Question—What type of soil should African Violets be planted in? I have a large one someone gave me and there seems to be a lot of little plants growing around it which I would like to try my hand at transplanting. F. G.

Answer—Use about one part sand, one part good garden loam and two parts leafmold. Add a little bonemeal to the mixture.

Question—In what month do we plant tulips? I've ordered my bulbs and asked the grower to send them when they should be planted. I

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