

Plan Vegetable Gardens Now For Planting at Later Date

By MARK M. TAYLOR

It is time to at least plan our vegetable garden now, even though it is still too early to plant it. It's a good idea to list the vegetables you like first, then those which you are willing to plant. It is a very good idea to contact your county agent or the extension service of Oregon State college for literature, charts, etc., on vegetable raising and also on can-

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March Chores Are Numerous

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March is known as the gardener's busy month, so, let's look at what should and can be done in our gardens at this time. The mild weather of February has made many of these chores a necessity now.

Remove all of the mulches and winter covering put on plants and store for use next winter. (There probably will be more need for them then!) See that plant labels are still firmly attached. It is so easy to lose them and then lose the identity of your plant. Always keep a supply of labels on hand.

Complete the pruning of deciduous shrubs and trees, except those in bud or flower. This is a must—another month may be too late. Prune roses if you have not already done so. Spray shrubs and trees with a good copper spray as protection from fungus diseases.

Clean any debris from around perennials and burn as it may harbor disease spores. Plant shrubs, trees and roses now.

Plant camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons now.

Plan your vegetable garden if ground is not too wet, space it for the planting season will soon be with us.

Start seeds of lettuce, cabbage, peppers and broccoli indoors now to plant out later next month.

Start perennial seeds indoors now for later planting.

Start tuberous begonias indoors now.

Fertilize lawns with complete fertilizer now, or spread sifted compost over it.

Fertilize camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas now with slightly acid fertilizer.

Pull any weeds showing in rock garden or flower beds.

Last call to check your lawn mower! You will be using it soon.

Plant calla lilies, tuberose and all hardy bulbs now.

Order your annual and vegetable seeds from your dealer now. Next month he may be out of stock. Take up and divide any dahlias left in the ground over winter.

Plant gladiolus now and every two weeks until June.

Better wait another month to take cuttings of chrysanthemums unless you plan to start them inside.

Plant annuals now in well prepared bed, broadcast seed over perennials or bulb beds. Plant tender annuals indoors to set out later.

Observe the flowering shrubs and trees now in bloom and make notes of those you want to add to your own garden.

Do not cut leaves on daffodils until they turn brown.

Sow grass seed in those bare or thin spots in the lawn, rake in by raking vigorously before broadcasting seed and water in well.

Some may joke about the tremendous cost of producing a single ear of corn in the home garden, yet do these same ones give up gardening? No, they love it! Anyway those jokes were a bit exaggerated. Let's look at some facts before drawing conclusions! You pay 28 cents for two ears of corn at the frozen food section of your market yet you can plant a 50-foot row of corn for 15 cents. Add to this investment the cost of fertilizer, etc., and you could possibly boost the cost to \$1. A 50-foot row of corn should produce 200 ears at a cost of from \$1 to \$2. Now you figure out the economy in the home garden side. In addition, there are things that can't be figured in dollars and cents—the vast amount of healthful living and mental relaxation—a tonic not duplicated in pills or bottled vitamins.

Here are some of the newer vegetables worth looking into for planting this year. Order from your dealer early. The stocks may be limited!

Tomatoes—Big Boy: Weight up to one pound each, runs about 50 tomatoes per plant. Jubilee Orange—Doesn't leak when cut.

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Radishes—Early Scarlet Button, a one bite variety.

Beets—Red Ball, Perfect round, fine for salads.

Cucumber—Straight Eight, Uniform slices all the way.

Onions—Crystal White Wax, sweet. Good for salads.

Lettuce—Oak leaf, colorful.

Peppers—Oshkosh, Bright yellow, good for salads.

Watermelon—Northern Sweet, less than 10 pounds.

New Hampshire Midget, Six inches in diameter (cut in half and eat like cantaloupe).

Pumpkin—Small Sugar, Seven inches in diameter. Just pie size.

Beans—Wade Snapbean, Excellent for freezing.

Fordhook 242—Lima that pops open. No need for shelling.

Carrots—Red Core, sweet, good.

Corn—Bantam Evergreen or Golden Evergreen, Best for freezing.

Broccoli—Italian green sprouting, Improved flavor, good for freezing.

New Melons—Banana Melon, looks and tastes like bananas.

Cabbage—Chinese cabbage, Can be served like lettuce. Makes cole slaw or boil it to suit.

Celeriac—Flavor similar to celery. Lettuce used as salad greens. Four times more vitamin C than head lettuce.

Makes you hungry? Okay, start planning that Liberty garden now! Don't buy more seed than you intend to plant or you intend to waste! Your home garden will bring you food with flavor, health and relaxation and financial saving. What could be better?

Memphis Scene of Garden Convention

Washington, D.C.—Men gardeners from throughout the nation will move on Memphis, Tenn., April 8 to 10 for the 18th annual convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Some of the leading horticultural experts will take part in the three-day sessions at Hotel Peabody and in a program of tours and events being arranged by the hosts, the Men's Garden Clubs of Tennessee.

Delegates from the national organization's 156 club and members—both professional and amateur—will hear reports on men's garden club activities and take part in planning projects and programs for the coming year.

Among speakers already scheduled for the convention are C. Eugene Pfister, president of American Rose Society, on "What's New in Roses," Harold R. Laing of Cleveland, Ohio, on Cleveland's school gardening program; Dr. R. Milton Carleton of Chicago, research director of Vaughan's garden research center, on "What's New in Horticulture."

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Dear Sir: I would like to ask you about my hyacinths, daffodils, primroses and camellias. We planted them in fall of '51 and last spring they all were just beautiful but this year they didn't do so good. My red camellia bloomed nice, lots of buds fell off but the pink one didn't have a bud and its leaves look yellow.

When I planted them in '51 I put some fertilizer with every bulb. I also put some barnyard fertilizer on them this last fall, but they don't seem so nice.

—MRS. M.M.E.

Ans 1. Hyacinths if left in the same position year after year the blooms tend to get smaller. You can probably overcome this by lifting the bulbs in the fall and replanting with fertilizer-enriched soil. Place fertilizer around the plant, but not directly over or in contact with it. Continue watering after blooming season and be sure to pick off flowers when through blooming. It is best to lift and store each fall and replant in early spring. Too much moisture will rot bulbs.

2. Primroses. As soon as blossoms have dried they should be removed. Plants can be divided at this time and planted in enriched soil. Applications of manure on the dormant crops might result in crown rot. When primroses are through flowering and are dormant, trim the foliage of the scantis, polyanthus and candelabra types to 2 1/2 inches above the crown. Watch for weevils in primroses and combat with poison bait. Red spider can be controlled with arsenate of lead.

3. Camellias. The yellowing of leaves is chlorosis, indicating a lack of nitrogen in the plant food. This may also be caused by lack of watering the previous season, or even from excessive watering. Fertilize now with a balanced fertilizer. Be sure drainage is good. Bud drop may be a result of the same thing. Water plants through the dry season until just before fall growth starts then reduce. Check and be sure that nearby trees or shrubs are not robbing the camellias of food.

Question—What care should be given a rock garden at this season?—A.O.

Answer—Clean up any refuse, leaves, etc., that may have accumulated. Remove any plants that did not survive the winter. Cultivate soil lightly and then topdress with leafmold and sand or peat moss mixture.

Question—How can I protect berries from the birds?—R.G.

Answer—Strips of tin hung loosely about the garden will frighten most of them away as they turn and sway in the breeze and reflect the sunlight or you may cover them with mosquito netting.

Question—Should roses be cultivated now?—Mrs. S.R.

Answer—Yes, it's a good idea to cultivate near the plants, taking care not to sever any roots. Top dress with barnyard fertilizer or commercial fertilizer and leafmold. Use a balanced feeding of 5-10-5 formula and water immediately after.

Question—How can I protect young camellias and other choice plants from being uprooted by moles?—Mrs. N.P.

Answer—I have found that making baskets from 1/4 inch mesh galvanized screening and planting in such baskets works very well. The small roots can still reach through the screen for food. What would happen if a mole got inside of the basket I would hazard no guess!

Question—Should Camellia blooms that have been blighted by rain or frost be left on the bush?—Mrs. E. L.

Answer—It is a good idea to pick them off. They are unsightly and would serve no purpose and would only be a drain on the food supply of the plant.

Question—In pruning roses I found the centers of some branches to be black and soft! Is this a disease and what should I do?—L.O.R.

Answer—That is a rotting due to exposure of a previous cut or from some insect or wind damage. Prune back to firm wood.

Question—What plants should give us blooms in January when there is a dearth of flowers?—Mrs. L.Y.

Answer—Jasmine, primroses (in variety) Helleborus (Christmas Rose), purple leaved plum (Prunus pissardi), pansies and violas (when sown in fall).

Question—I understand that there are trees commonly called

Garden Notebook

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DO YOU KNOW?

The Tree Wisteria is not a separate variety, but the vining type trained to tree form? You can convert a coldframe to a hotbed by the addition of a soil heating cable?

In the old days, herbs were used by housewives to conjure up any emotion in their husbands?

Canterbury Bells (Campanula) are hard to beat for ease of culture and for masses of color. Contact poisons kill insects on contact—such as nicotine, pyrethrum, rotenone, sulphur and some oils?

Sucking and chewing insects require a stomach poison, such as DDT, arsenate of lead, etc. The appearance of ants on peony flowers or buds are of no harm?

Pruning of trees and shrubs should have been completed? You can still plant roses, trees and shrubs?

Some double roses have as many as 100 or even more petals?

Rose petal jelly, pickled rose hips and candied rose petals were one time popular?

Red roses have a tendency to pale after cutting?

The pomegranate produces a single flower followed by fruit that remains bright orange all winter?

The flowering form of pomegranate produces reddish-orange double flowers a long period in summer?

The tiny-leaved fig vine (Ficus Pumila) makes an excellent wall covering as it clings to brick, plaster or stone tenaciously?

Some roses can be used to cover or disguise posts, stumps or tree trunks effectively?

You should always water plants after fertilizing, even when using a liquid fertilizer? Many liquid fertilizers may be safely sprayed on leaves of plants without danger of "burning" and even are absorbed by the plants through the leaves as well as the roots?

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