

Home Gardens Should Be Designed for Families in House, Not as Showplaces

Corvallis — Home gardens and yards should be designed for the families who live in the houses and not as showplaces for passers-by nor as museum pieces based on what was good 50 or 150 years ago.

Richard Blakeley, Oregon State university landscape designer, believes Oregonians can make better use of contemporary ideas, plants and man-made materials in planning their gardens.

He said past cultures don't provide a workable pattern for landscaping today's homes. The English formal garden required a lot of care and looks out of place in Oregon, yet many new homeowners follow the English. They plant large expanses of lawn, formal flower beds, and hedges, put shrubs at corners of the house, on each side of the front door, or on two sides of the walk, and ring the foundation with more shrubs, many which outgrow their useful size.

Can Steal Ideas
Blakeley agrees that we can steal some ideas from other cultures but does not recommend copying another's design. The Japanese garden was meant to be looked at but not to be used, he notes. Yet some things found in Japanese gardens — lights, sculpture, water, rocks, gravel, sand and many plants, bamboo and nandina — are useful.

Considerations in designing the garden are given by Blakeley.

1. Fit outdoor areas to needs of family members. Plan an area for children's play that fits their needs. What looks good to an adult is not always useful to a child. Preschoolers love to climb behind, into, and over things. Avoid plants with thorns, poisonous berries, and those that attract bees.

2. Plan outdoor areas in relation to interior of the house.

The patio or eating area should be somewhere near the kitchen. Divide outdoor area into imaginary rooms — some will be used for eating and conversation, others for play, others to view.

Conversation Areas
For conversation areas, use canopy type trees to contain the space and provide some shade. A silk tree, amur cork tree, tea crab, redbud, shirofugan cherry and yellow-wood are possibilities. Check with county agent or nurseryman for those hardy in eastern Oregon.

Coloring Book Laments Buyer

New York — (UPI) — Coloring books have come into their own for adults since one publisher dreamed up the JFK coloring book. Now, a Kansas City, Mo., dress manufacturer is out with one called "The Dress Buyer's Coloring Book."

Its producers, Gay Gibson, Inc., have sent it "with apologies to everybody."

Excerpts: "This is my merchandise man. He's smart. He knows everything. He keeps records. I hate him."

"This is a customer. She asks for things I haven't got. She makes me ill."

TEARS BOOTH DOWN
Clapham, England — (UPI) — Residents complained today that a town crew tore down an outdoor telephone booth two days after other workmen gave it a new coat of paint. "I can't explain the painting," said the official in charge of the wrecking. "It was not our department."

3. Consider maintenance. Large expanses of lawn generally require more regular care than areas of gravel, ground cover or concrete. However, ground covers and gravel areas are not altogether maintenance free.

Blakeley recommended that new homeowners plant grass immediately to provide a quick ground cover, solve winter mud problem, and give time to plan yard design. Be aware of package deals on shrubs. They probably won't fill your needs, Blakeley.

4. If planning a patio, make a dry run of activities you will want to carry out on it. This will give you a more accurate idea of the size needed.

5. Plan for circulation from one area to another. Know how much space a tricycle requires along a path, where benches might be placed for rest or to view.

Keep Things Simple
6. Keep things simple. A few basic plants, materials, and geometric forms repeated throughout the yard, are easier to work with and look better in the end than a confused mixture, says Blakeley.

7. Keep plantings in scale with the house. A low-style ranch house usually looks best with trees that don't grow over 50 feet. Be selective in choice of plants. For example, don't plant a silk tree near a drive. The blossoms are acidic and may take paint off cars. Apple, cherry, black walnut and birch trees are not good street trees. Drooping fruit or aphid drip is messy.

Certain trees may not be desirable near a patio unless it's easily cleaned. Madrona and willow drop things most of the year. Elms and birch trees attract aphids and are not recommended for use where people will be walking or eating underneath them.



WHAT GIVES? — Heifers and mares are one thing but queens are something else again as cowboys Bob Edison, left, and Wick Perth wonder what gives as they watch attractive Linda Kennon apply a bit of makeup from a kit built into the horn of her saddle. Linda, a consistent winner in beauty contests and an accomplished horsewoman, will reign over the Rodeo World Series in Los Angeles Dec. 4 through Dec. 9. (UPI)

WHISTLE DELAYS MATCH
Skipton, England — (UPI) — A soccer match between two police teams was delayed 15 minutes Wednesday because neither the players nor the referee — a policeman — could find a whistle. They solved their problem at a nearby police station.

FALL PROVES FATAL
Gloucester, England — (UPI) — Leslie Dally, a gardener at Prinknash Abbey, died Wednesday of a broken spine. He received the fatal injuries when Brother Christopher, a monk, fell on him from an apple tree.

Hatfield's Prospects Seen Greater Via Senate Stint

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Mail Tribune

Washington — The impressive reelection margins of victory gained by Sen. Wayne Morse and Gov. Mark Hatfield may signal greater political glory for each of them — but what kind of glory?



Both have exhibited ambitions to attain places on their parties' national tickets; and although Oregon is a small state in the national strategy of a presidential campaign, the memory of Sen. Charles McNary gaining the GOP vice presidential nomination in 1940 is enough to stimulate and justify the hopes of any able Oregon political leader.

Morse's handicap now, as before, is his damn-the-party-politicians approach which may delight many voters but chills the politicians whose support is essential in a convention. Moreover, the senator is now 62, and so his age becomes an added adverse factor.

May Be Chairman
When the returns were coming in from Alabama election night, Morse was entitled

to wonder whether he hadn't come closer to what is his brightest prospect for greater glory: Chairmanship of the Senate Labor Committee. The present chairman, Sen. Lister Hill, mailed his GOP challenger much of the night and narrowly escaped defeat.

As No. 3 Democrat on the committee, Morse now is chairman of the education subcommittee; but because his elders, Hill and Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), are nearing 70, it is quite possible that Morse will outlast them both and reach this powerful full committee chairmanship.

Hatfield has attracted much national attention as a good vote getter, a reputation he reinforced in this election. Much political comment now centers on the new faces in the Republican gubernatorial stable — Romney, Scranton and others — but at 40, Hatfield can afford to be patient.

Perhaps the governor's greatest handicap is not geography — the tendency of ticket-makers to look first to the large states for their candidates — but the fact that his experience has been limited to the problems of the statehouse at Salem.

Credentials Wanted
Today the voters, and the convention delegates, want more impressive credentials, if they are available. McNary, after all, was the Republican leader of the Senate; Garner was speaker of the House; Truman, Nixon, Sparkman and Kefauver were senators when they were tapped; Lodge was an ex-senator serving as UN ambassador; and Vice President Johnson was his party's leader of the Senate.

So, while lightning strikes in strange and unexpected ways, Hatfield's prospects are probably greater via the Senate. Had he challenged and defeated Wayne Morse this year, he would be a party hero to those Republicans who despise Morse so intensely. If he is to reach the Sen-

ate, it appears it will have to be by capturing the place now held by Sen. Maurice Neuberger.

Fight Indicated
The Hatfield strategists, among others, have calculated that Mrs. Neuberger is in all likelihood a single-term senator. This may be the case, but the senator looks more and more like she means to keep her job indefinitely — and the best forecast here and now is that she plans to fight to keep

it. The aid she rendered Morse's reelection campaign undoubtedly was impelled at least in part by such a practical long-range consideration as her possible need for his aid in 1966 when she would come up again.

Hatfield, still, is one of the most promising of the Republicans who won last week. But he must share the stage. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller may well head the ticket in 1964, but if a westerner is sought for second place it could also go to Sen. Thomas Kuchel, a progressive Earl Warren-type, who is the GOP whip of the Senate. Or, who knows, the convention might go for the new Ohio congressman, Bob Taft Jr.



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