

Nursery Authority Gives Tips, Advice For Trees, Shrubs

Editor's Note — This is the second and concluding part of the article on nursery tips by Mrs. W. P. Myers.

There is untold wealth of native material in tree and shrub growing in forest and glade on both the eastern and western slopes of the Cascades and which may be gathered and transplanted to beautify homes and parks.

Many of the most beautiful flowering shrubs sold in nurseries grow wild in our mountains and valleys. Rhododendron, azalia, Pacific dogwood, mountain currant, climbing honeysuckle and Oregon grape are a few of the choice ones.

We have had success in transplanting all of them except Pacific dogwood. This atmosphere seems to be too arid for the beautiful flowering native dogwood tree. To plant a native tree or shrub is to give a landscape a woody charm not otherwise achieved.

Need Both Types

Trees and shrubs are so closely related that you need both to produce a pleasing effect in planting the home grounds. Both evergreen and flowering shrubs are necessary for a finished landscape and should be selected as to form, size and color to fit the particular spot they are to occupy.

Every house has a different demand according to architecture and location; whether angles or square walls are to be ornamented. Use evergreens for front and street side of foundation planting; tall growing evergreens for corners and broad spaces of tall houses; but the trend toward low-roofed ranch type houses now being built calls for the use of medium tall and low growing evergreens with an occasional tall one to give accent to the planting. Use the better type of evergreens and trim them annually to keep them from outgrowing their usefulness and to maintain their individuality.

Wide Variety

Flowering shrubs embrace a wide range in variety and color, blooming at various periods in spring and summer, giving the landscape its greatest charm. They should be chosen to fit the individual needs. Of the low growing which I would select because of their beauty of leaf and twig as well as lovely blossoms are Spiraea Thunbergii, flowering almond, flowering quince, Spiraea Anthony Watterer, rose tree of China, red and variegated weigela.

Among the best medium size flowering shrubs I would include: beauty bush, double bridal wreath, double mock orange, weigela, Vanhoutte and rose acacia.

Some of the taller growing shrubs which normally reach a height of 8 to 10 feet and comprise a large part of the flowering world are: Forsythia, Spiraea Vanhoutte, single flowering mock orange, true-red

honeysuckle, butterfly bush, snowball and the lilac.

The evergreen flowering shrubs which may successfully be grown here are Daphne Cneorum, Daphne Summeret, verburnum, berkwoodi, berburnum-Caribbe, Mt. Laurel, cat-o'-nine-tails, rhododendron and heather.

Hedges

The rear or sides of the house which do not face the street may be planted with flowering shrubs alone or interspersed with evergreens. To preserve privacy at the rear of the house plant a hedge of tall growing flowering shrubs on the border of the lawn for a background to shut out the sight of dirty alleys, unkempt vacant lots and any other unpleasant view.

The tall shrubs to the lawn by planting lower shrubs in front of them. Fragrance and color should be kept in mind when planting this free growing border. For color interest use a few well placed colored foliage shrubs, such as claret plum, red leaf barberry, golden ninebark and golden elder.

Windbreaks

In building a windbreak or to screen the outdoor living room depends upon the space at hand. If the area is sufficient, an unusual woodland beauty may be achieved by planting a row of shade trees on the outside, then plant flowering trees informally with evergreen trees scattered between the deciduous trees.

The evergreens provide a touch of green in winter and make a charming contrast against the bare trunks and limbs of the shade trees. The shade trees may be all one variety or a nice idea is to plant a mixture of varieties, keeping in mind those which have a brilliant autumn color. Then the evergreens may be all spruce or pine, but I favor a variety of spruce, pine and cedar, making the planting look more like a woodland glade.

If the place is too small for such an ambitious planting, you may use only evergreens planted closely enough to provide a hedge, or if evergreens are too expensive, almost any type of deciduous tree, if set close together and lower limbs allowed to remain, will make a windbreak and screen while leaves remain on the trees, and will provide some shelter from winter winds. The low, drooping branches of weeping willow are most satisfactory where space will permit of such a large growing tree.

Final Touch

Evergreens used for windbreak should be tall, wide and upright growing, such as fir, spruce, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, cedar and any other tree of this habit. Planting may be made in one or two rows and trees are spaced 6 to 8 feet apart. Evergreens useful for hedges or tall screens include arbutus, eypress, hemlock, and juniper. They may be trimmed to maintain the height desired. Plant two to three feet apart for dense hedge.

Trees and shrubs give the final touch that marks the difference between the home and the mere house. Let it be remembered that to plant the home with trees and shrubs is an investment in beauty, health and comfort, as well as cash, and should not be looked upon as an expense. When you plant a tree, you plant not only a tree of sap and leaf and wood, but your blessing on the neighborhood.

Television Blooms Aren't Flowers

NEW YORK, (AP)—A "bloom" in television never means a flower. Rather it is the glare caused when too much light from an object is reflected into the lens of a camera. As a result of over-brightness, the camera tube tends to obscure picture detail and a blob or dark spot is produced in the picture. An example of this effect would be the white bosom front of a man's shirt against the background of his dark tuxedo.

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Grange Head Raps Farm Subsidy Plan At National Meeting

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 17 (AP)—Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange, yesterday rapped hard at the Brannan farm subsidy plan as part of a "welfare state" philosophy which could bankrupt the nation.

"Farmers resent the implication that they are not entitled to fair compensation at the market place, but must depend upon public charity or direct payments from the national treasury for a livelihood," Goss declared at the opening of the 33rd annual national convention of the grange.

Goss reiterated the grange's long-time opposition to subsidies in lieu of fair market prices. He asserted the subsidy method of supporting farm income would be costly. Estimates, he said, range from two billion to 20 billion a year.

Farm Policies
"We are traveling a dangerous financial road at best without taking on any additional burden such as this," Goss declared. He outlined farm program policies which he said would enable farmers to produce abundantly at reasonable prices without "subsidies which make beggars of the recipients."

Goss emphasized the seriousness of national problems, of which agriculture is only one phase. He pointed out the responsibility of industry, labor and government, as well as agriculture, in a cooperative effort to solve the problems.

"America is rapidly coming face to face with the very practical problem of what is to be done with surplus production," Goss said. "Industry has been working on an enormous backlog of unfilled demand both at home and abroad. Our domestic demands are rapidly being filled, and before long our aid of four or five billion dollars per year to war-torn countries will come to an end."

Solution
The problem, Goss insisted, is not insurmountable. But, he said, it can be solved only through a full recognition by agriculture, labor, management and government of the responsibility and obligation of each toward the national welfare.

"If we are going to maintain a balanced, full production economy, which is the only way we will avoid a collapse, we've got to have teamwork. Intelligent teamwork, between labor, industry, agriculture and government," he said.

Goss outlined a broad program of agricultural cooperation toward a national policy of high-level consumption and abundance. He again deplored what he said were efforts

to drag the farm program into politics. This, he said, could be avoided to a great extent through the creation of a bi-partisan federal farm board having two major responsibilities:

Two Steps

"First, to keep track of production of crops and their movement to market, and to make recommendations from time to time to producers, processors and distributors designed to help meet the problems of surplus and shortages by the adoption of sound production, processing and marketing practices."

"Second, to recommend to the secretary of agriculture the employment of any means provided by congress in meeting the production or marketing problems of any farm commodity."

Farm Law

Congress, Goss said, should clearly set forth a number of methods for meeting agricultural problems as they arise. The farm law should begin with first reliance on a self-help program, he said, and permit subsidies only as a last resort.

Goss suggested that congress specify the remedies to be used, in their order of preference. He listed these as (1) marketing agreements, (2) a two-price system, (3) flexible floors, (4) marketing quotas, and (5) as a last resort in extreme cases, direct subsidies.

Goss declared the kind of farm program most farmers want is a series of measures that will provide the mechanism for meeting whatever emergencies that may be met, a reasonable income in the market place for their services, not government hand-outs.

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Auto Clubs' License Work Criticized

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Portland Association of Insurance Agents protested Wednesday against permitting automobile clubs to issue license plates.

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