

Herald and News Homemakers Corner

RUTH KING — Women's Editor
This and That About Women

"It's A Woman's World"



OF ALL THE GIFTS that mortal men command, women's gift in making a house a home, is nearest Heaven.

Mary Henschke (Mrs. Eldor Henschke) is an artist-homemaker, a perfectionist, her own critic, who unravels 1500 yards of fine crochet thread to correct a tiny error "because I'd always know that it was there."

Mrs. Henschke was born in Heeven, Holland, granddaughter of the largest bulb exporter in the land of tulips and windmills. She came to Canada before she was six, went home to The Netherlands when she was eight, to receive her education in her native land and in Vienna, living part time with an aunt and uncle who toured the important places on the continent, introducing their talented young niece to the intelligentsia of the capitols of Europe.

She saw beauty in even a "clod of earth", spent every spare moment in the great art galleries and museums, and it was there she knew she too, must create earth's charm as she saw it, in some form.

Today, she has thousands of "man-hours" of work done in thread. Her artist soul has put in needlepoint, not a FEW pieces but hundreds, the gorgeousness of the sunset and the dawn, appears under an October sky, lamplight on snow, the flow of jonquils beneath a soft Spring wind... "Pinkie" and "Blue Boy" to be framed in marvelous, old-fashioned frames, re-finished with the help of her husband.

She designs and executes her own crochet patterns and her breath-taking yards-long hand-crocheted table cloths carry out the family crest, the pattern of her Spode and Haviland China, her crystal and her sterling. Every tiny stitch was planned on paper before she put a needle to thread.

Every bit of needlework in her home carries out an individual theme for each room, including DOZENS of matching sheets and pillow cases, towels, needlepoint pictures, hand-hooked rugs.

Her antiques are legion... she wears hand crocheted aprons with her monogram, she paints in oils and water colors, never capitalizes upon her numerous abilities...

She gardens with zeal, gives away blossoms by the armload... is EDUCATING a brand new pup named Tammy who replaces, in the combined family hearts, a little dog named Blossom.

Mary Henschke is a botanist... worked in that field once upon a time for the University of Vancouver, British Columbia... she loves life and the United States and Klamath Falls where she has lived since 1930. Mr. Henschke is associated with the Long-Bell Company, the Spanish-type home is at 501 Damont, on the hill, above the valley.

GARDEN TIPS

By E. G. GARDENER

I think I mentioned before that spring is changing to fall.

The sight of the lily pond covered with fallen willow leaves reminded me again that this is the time to plant for next summer's flowers.

Bearded Iris can be planted now. Whether you have ordered new rhizomes from the commercial dealers in the valley, or from the very excellent local producers right here in our own basin, or have traded with your friends for a start of that beauty that took the prize at the local Garden Show sponsored by the Evergreen Garden Club, the Mount Jaki Garden Club and the Langell Valley Club, you would be getting ready for the newcomers.

Iris do not form the next year's blossom immediately after this year's flower is done, as the tulips do. It is not necessary to wait until the foliage dies down before the iris can be moved. The size and quality of the bloom is determined by what happens to the rhizome between the time it begins to grow next spring and the time the plant is ready to flower, so what you must do now is to provide plenty of food and shelter for your new plant where it can remain undisturbed for at least three years. It takes that long for most iris to really establish themselves in their full glory. It is true that some varieties of iris will establish themselves sooner than that, but prize winning bloom is more apt to be found on the older plants.

I personally prefer to place the light colored iris toward the back of the bed, especially if they have large blooms. Such varieties as Arctic, a cream colored giant that grows very well here, or the

brilliant Berkley Gold, or White Goddess with its enormous white blossoms, tend to overshadow the other more delicate or more somber colored iris if placed in the foreground. Most of the plicates, on the other hand, tend to be shorter, more airy and delicate in their coloring, and can be placed in the foreground.

Whatever the arrangement, it is a good thing to have the beds prepared so that the new iris can be placed immediately in the ground, as soon as they are received. Iris are tough, hardy plants that can survive under adverse conditions, but they will do better if given good care from the beginning.

Spade the ground fairly deep, allowing plenty of space for each plant. Remember that you are preparing this bed for at least three years of growing time before you will disturb it again. Sprinkle the ground with a generous amount of bone meal. Do not waste precious animal manure, if you are so fortunate as to possess some, on this plant since it does not need it; if your ground is deficient in nitrogen, and most of it is around here, you may add some commercial fertilizer if you wish. Rake the plant food into the soil.

Scoop out a generous amount of soil so that the resulting hole is deeper on one side than the other, leaving a sloping surface. Place the Rhizome on the surface of the ground so that the roots which extend from the under sides of the rhizome can be spread on this

sloping side of the hole. Spread the roots apart and return the soil, packing it over the root firmly so as to provide good anchorage for the plant.

Plants received from commercial growers will probably be trimmed down to facilitate easier shipping, but plants gotten locally may still have their complete foliage. In planting these, I leave the foliage intact until I have completed the planting, since the height and thickness of the leaves will give me some idea of the space the plant will need later on. The leaves can be trimmed after the plant is in the ground. Be sure to leave all or at least part of the rhizome itself uncovered to the air or it will rot.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Don't make the mistake of thinking a shower curtain never needs washing just because it's subjected to so much soap and water. The edges get soiled when it's yanked back and forth, and ends cling to the bottom. Take your curtain down occasionally, lay it flat, and swab both sides with warm suds and rinses.



AIR CONDITIONED

This summer there's no problem about wearing hosiery and keeping cool, too, for the knee-length stocking has made a big comeback. You'll even find these "air-conditioned" hose made with patented non-slip heels. Sides them out before you put them on the first time and after each wearing. It's not only good grooming practice, it's also good stocking insurance.

IDEA!

Hide that unsightly can that holds your grease and drippings with a peppy looking grease caddy — a china container that holds a coffee-size can with a lid for protection. It's pretty standing on your kitchen counter, and brightens the inside of your refrigerator.

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a new plastic hamper in wood finish that's designed especially to look decorative in the bedroom. It's really a piece of furniture which can match your mahogany, walnut, or blonde finish furniture. The finish won't crack, resist even hard blows, and can be kept clean with just a sudsy rubdown; the back is well ventilated to take care of damp clothes.

NEW IDEA

One practical way to avoid sun glare is with a plastic sun shield. It comes in a variety of bright colors with a non-reflective underside. This type of shield is light, cool, and comfortable and you can even slip your own glasses on with it. Wash it often in soap and water for good visibility.

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Add...

2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
2 1/2 teaspoons double-action
baking powder
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Blend ingredients, beat 1 1/2 minutes, scraping sides of bowl frequently. (Count 225 strokes for hand beating. With electric mixer use low speed; scrape sides during beating, the beaters afterwards.)

Add... 1/2 cup milk with 1 teaspoon vanilla

Blend, then beat to smooth out batter, about 75 strokes (1/2 minute, electric beater). Turn into 2 greased 8-inch layer pans, lined with paper. Swirl fork through batter. Bake in moderate oven (375°F) 25 to 30 minutes.

CHOCOLATE ALMOND ICING: Blend 5 tablespoons Snowdrift with 1/2 cup sifted cocoa. Add 3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon salt; alternately with 1/2 cup milk. When smooth, add 1 teaspoon almond flavoring. Frost cake. Decorate with blanched almonds.

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