



Over the GARDEN GATE

By RUTH KING

This is the time of year when garden club members review accomplishments of the year that is waning and begin plans for next year's gardens; listen to new ideas, order seed catalogues and exchange "how-to-do-its."

Almost before the last zinnia wilts beneath the bite of fall frosts, the true-at-heart gardener has visualized next summer's blooms.

Publicity chairmen from Alturas, Mt. Laki and Evergreen garden clubs are this week's contributors to "what's a doin'" in garden clubs 'round about.

ALTURAS

By Aimee McKeeney

Mrs. Guy Young assisted by Mrs. Ralph Laird and Mrs. Paul McKeeney led a discussion on peony culture, selection, how to prepare the soil, where and when to plant and other pertinent information at the September 13 meeting of the Alturas Garden Club. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William Rush, Tenth and Main streets at 2:30 p.m.

Keeping this recent information in mind, new gardeners or ones with successful experience should be able to produce worthwhile blooms.

Mrs. Fred Ash served as president in the absence of Mrs. Paul Decker who is on vacation.

Members present responded to roll call by naming flowers most enjoyed in their gardens this year.

Members voted to send representatives to the District Garden Club meeting at Mt. Laki on September 22. Mrs. Kenneth Green, secretary, read an invitation from the North Side Garden Club, Klamath Falls, to attend open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 26.

Mrs. Cecile Baker spoke on the legend, culture and varieties of the Goldenrod, flower of the month. Goldenrod, she said has been selected as the national flower of the United States, although it has not yet been officially announced.

It is fitting that mention be made of the Alturas Garden Club's exhibit at the Modoc County Fair, based on selected lines from Longfellow's beloved poem, "Hiawatha."

"Of all the beats, he learned the language,

Talked with them whenever he met them,

Called them Hiawatha's brothers."

Background of the exhibit was a mural depicting a primitive mountain scene, complete with rocky crags, towering pines, a babbling brook, deer and Indian teepees. Mrs. Bert Wardwell, a club member was the artist and her work was greatly admired by all who saw it. The booth itself was artistically arranged with a pool into which a waterfall continuously played. Flowers banded the booth which had been grown by club members.

In the center of the forest was the boy "Hiawatha," with bow and arrow. Perched on branches and crouching on fallen logs were butterflies, birds and small forest creatures.

The club members were grateful to receive the coveted blue ribbon and the first prize.

MT. LAKI GARDEN CLUB

By Mrs. Richard Fleming

The Mt. Laki Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. George Houck, 4628 Thompson Street, Monday, September 17. Mrs. Robert Bryson was co-hostess.

Plans for the District Garden Club show and meeting on Saturday, September 22 to be held at the Henley Grange Hall were made. The Mt. Laki Ladies Aid served the luncheon.

Bulbs to be planted this fall for next spring's blooms were discussed. A demonstration on fresh flower corsages was given by Myrtle Fleming and Betty Henzel. Novelty corsages were made from flowering crabapples, Montebretia and Clematis-Coccinea-Texasensis, asters, chrysanthemums and gladioli.

The group enjoyed a tour of Mrs. Houck's garden.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Jay Fairclo, Mrs. Everett Jones, Mrs. Dick Henzel, Mrs. Crystel Cheyne, Mrs. Maude McClay, Mrs. Ethel Nylander, Mrs. Enoch Johnson, Mrs. Noah Nyhart and Mrs. Warren Woodward.

Mrs. Ed Born, Mrs. Irvin White, Mrs. Forrest Lowe, Mrs. Jay Manning, Mrs. Clifford Kelly, Mrs. Mildred Fundenberger and Mrs. Richard Fleming.

EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB

By Verona Dahler

The regular meeting of the Evergreen Garden Club was held September 19 at the home of Mrs. Wesley Horsey, 4524 Bisbee Street with 15 members present.

Clarence Bussman of Bussman's Seed Store showed some beautiful slides of Jan De Graf's lily garden and explained about lily culture and varieties suited to this country and climate. He named varieties he had tried and found to be hardy and that those that bloom in July are the most satisfactory.

Lilies need a rich humus soil with good drainage and plenty of air circulation to prevent fungus diseases. They like sun most of the day. Well-rotted cow manure and compost is good in the planting soil. They should have a mulch of peat moss or compost to keep them from drying out.

An application of a handful of wood ashes and agricultural sulphur or gypsum once during the growing season is also good. They should be sheltered from strong wind but not close against a wall or building. Fall planting is best, timing planting for late August or early September.

All lilies make beautiful arrangements with or without other flowers and foliage. Some of the varieties that should prove hardy here are the Speciosum hybrid Red Champion which is especially beautiful; the Gold Band Lily, the Yellow Regal, Royal Gold and many of the Sunburst strain, especially Mid Century hybrids, such as Enchantment.

Buying fresh bulbs is important as they should never be left out of the ground too long but should be planted as soon as possible.

Following the program refreshments were served by hostesses Pearl Harsey, Hallie Miller and Edith Ward. Cookies were made after a recipe selected from the garden club cookbook.



THIS LOVELY SPOT is the pride and joy of Mrs. George (Helen) Blanas, 1036 Eldorado Avenue, who took over cultivation and care of the flower border after the death of Tom Gates, whose magic touch created beauty in many a Klamath Falls garden. Mrs. Blanas plants, cultivates, fertilizes and chases pests, has only the lawn clipping done by a handyman. She uses a mixture of pulverized barnyard fertilizer and peat moss and an occasional scattering of a commercial booster. These huge dahlias, foreground and the row in the background grew from tubers left in the ground last winter and protected with a deep mulch of leaves and straw. Mrs. Blanas admires a mammoth marigold.

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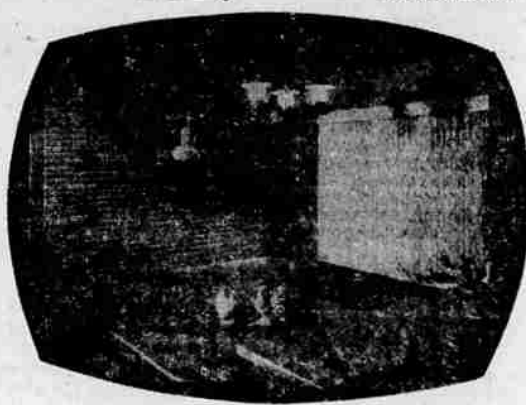
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