

Easter Ideas To Cultivate

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your Easter garden grow?

If you're really up to date, you'll forget all about silver bells and cockle shells — and use Easter egg shells instead. Your reward will be a bouquet of compliments — and perhaps a plea to make some more ingenious decorations "quick like a bunny."

Shells may be obtained by "blowing" eggs. Use a sharp pointed skewer or manicure scissors to make a hole about the size of a small pea at either end of the membrane. Then hold the egg over a bowl and blow through one hole until contents come out the other.

Rinse the shell in cool water and drain well. Since the eggshell is so much lighter than the egg itself, spoon the dye bath over the shell to insure an even color distribution — and let the colored shell drain well and dry completely.

For the garden flowers, use pastel dyed eggshells. For flower stems, generously cover end of short, thin dowel stick (or 2 pipe stem cleaners) with quick-drying household cement or jeweler's glue and gently glue it into hole at large end of eggshell. Cover hole at small end by gluing on sequin to tiny pieces of paper, plastic tape or felt. Cut various shaped "petal collars" from pastel construction paper, shelf paper or paper doilies; with manicure scissors, cut small hole in center of each "collar." Push each up on dowel stick and glue to bottom of eggshell. Wind dowel stick with bias strips of green crepe paper or ribbon. Glue crepe paper or artificial leaves near base of "stem." Anchor "stem" of completed egg flower firmly in center of large gimdrop.

For Mary's head: Dye an eggshell pale pink or pale orange. Using small end of egg for chin, glue fancy sequins in place for facial features. (Features can be made from felt, plastic tape or construction paper if preferred.) Make hair from narrow strip of yellow, brown or black crepe paper, fringed and curled — and glue into place. Make hat from a 5-inch circle of paper decorated with artificial flowers and ribbon; glue into place.

For skirt: Make cone from pastel construction paper or lightweight cardboard by cutting a semi-circle 18 inches in diameter. Staple, tape or glue skirt together in back and trim skirt with part of paper doily, a bright bow and tiny artificial flower.

To make the "Lemon" Tree: Although this looks elaborate, it's really very simple to make. Wire coat hangers, bent to design, make the basic tree. Artificial leaves placed as thickly as you like, are wired to tree "branches." Yellow eggshells (with pipe stem cleaner glued into hole at large end, and, if you want, sequins or beads glued to cover hole at small end) are secured to tree by wrapping pipe stem cleaners around tree "branches" until egg "lemons" are snugly in place. Stems of leaves and "lemons" plus the tree "trunk" are wrapped with floral tape, crepe paper, ribbon or plastic tape. The completed tree is anchored into a flower pot filled with sand, modeling clay or quick-drying plaster of paris.

Farewell Party Given

MERRILL — Mrs. Bill Hill was honored at a going-away party by employees of the Merrill Branch of the First National Bank on March 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pyle.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hart, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, Richard Steyskal, Mary Bredeen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mattox, Joyce Noonan, Katherine Ahern, Mr. and Mrs. Pyle and the honored guest and her husband Bill.

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Merrill Rebekahs

MERRILL — Merrill Rebekahs met March 18 for their regular meeting with Dorothy Wyatt presiding. Nine members of Prosperity Lodge No. 104, Klamath Falls, were guests for the evening.

The charter was draped in memory of brother Velton Haskins.

Carrie Mattson, Ellen Fiege, Marjorie Burleigh and Shirley Beasley were escorts in the drill for Audrey Lewis, Leta Stolt, Sylvia Jones and Esther Johnson who were presented, with Assembly President Selma Watkins, seals of perfection by the district deputy president, Bea Mattson.

A skit entitled, "In Memory of Schuyler Colfax," written by Mildred Rexford, was presented by Audrey Lewis, Carrie Mattson and Shirley Beasley.

Refreshments were served from tables decorated in the St. Patrick motif by Leta Stolt, Ellen Fiege and Marge Burleigh.

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ENJOY WINTER SUN — Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Henson, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes are pictured at Shady Acres in Yuma, Ariz., where both couples are enjoying the winter months.



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

BONANZA GARDEN CLUB DAIRY — The Bonanza Garden Club met at the home of Evelyn Wood on March 27.

The short meeting was in charge of the president, Irene Hartley.

Starting in April the club will go back to two meetings a month. The next meeting will be on April 10, at the home of Alyce Haley and Virginia Hartley will be in charge of the program.

Each member is asked to bring a white elephant, wrapped for the grab box auction. It will be one of several programs to raise money for the Intercommunity Hospital.

Anyone interested is invited to attend these meetings.

NORTHSIDE GARDEN CLUB — The March meeting of the Northside Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Bowman.

The club will hold a rummage sale April 19 in the small room at Clyde's Towing Service, 734 Klamath Ave.

The white elephant, a pot of pink delphiniums, was won by Mrs. Lewis Kandra.

Program for the day, "Grafting Shrubs," was presented by Don Reil of the county agent's office.

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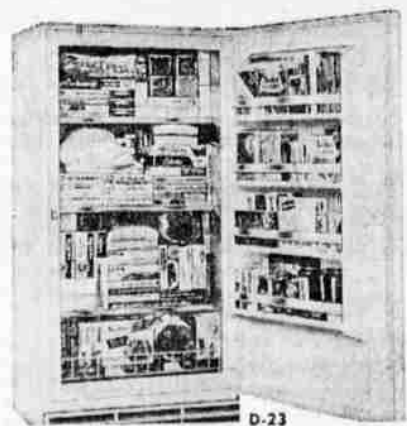
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