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Flowers Good Gift For Mother's Day

To honor and please your mother, there's no finer gift on Mother's Day than a growing plant, especially if it's a rhododendron, pelargonium, azalea or cymbidium orchid. These lovely flowering plants offer luscious blooms in a veritable rainbow of colors, and if you have a gardening mother, a growing plant that she can plant in her garden is a special treat.

A fine plant for gift selection, the rhododendron grows all sizes, having leathery green foliage the year around and produces some of the most colorful flowers in all flowerdom. In selecting a rhododendron for Mother's Day choose one from the dwarf or the tall growing shrubs in reds, pinks, purples, lavender, yellow, orange-salmon and white. Some of the best-known hybrid varieties of the rhododendron market are the pink-pretty Wornald and Cottage ride. Unknown Warrior is a brilliant red; Ivory white flowers appear on the Dr. Stocker. All these varieties and the many more available will make fine garden plantings, states the California Assn. of Nurserymen.

Exotic Blooms
The azalea is available in delicious or evergreen species and varieties. This shrub grows well in most areas of the state, even in the interior valleys where it is grown in pure heat to protect it from the hot, dry weather. Azaleas, too, offer beautiful, exotic blooms—Purple of Mobile is rose-pink with purple blotches, Ward's Ruby has dark ruby-red flowers, Coral Bells blooms in shells of pink, and Albert and Elizabeth in white with pink borders.

The pelargonium, commonly known as the geranium, has many interesting species in its family. In addition to the geranium, the foliage geraniums—lemon, peppermint, nutmeg, oakleaf and rose—feature leaves that give off spicy fragrances when crushed. These species bear small flowers of pastel colors. The Lady Washington geranium called pelargonium makes a colorful gift and garden planting with its showy flowers in white, pink, red, lavender and purple.

Widest range of colors in blooms is offered by the garden geranium. It grows in

fancy-leaved varieties, dwarf forms and with single or double flowers in white and many shades of red, pink, salmon, orange and purple-crimson.

Many Colors
Spectacular is the word to describe the cymbidium orchid and a spectacular gift it will make, too. In general, cymbidiums grow well from San Luis Obispo south to San Diego. They can also be grown successfully in special situations in the home in other areas of the state, too.

The cymbidium orchid blooms in shades of yellow, straw, bronze, mahogany, pink, crimson-rose, greenish gold, chartreuse, and brown. Colors often vary considerably in the same varieties of this flower, however. A few of the loveliest varieties are cymbidium victor, freely blooming in varying shades of yellow and bronze; cymbidium Hugh Evans, usually greenish-gold with red lips; and cymbidium butterfly, shades of yellow, bronze, mahogany and occasionally pink.

Your nurseryman will best be able to guide you in orchid culture. Cymbidiums should have filtered sunlight, a fibrous soil mixed with plenty of coarse leaf mold or peat moss, and good drainage. They do particularly well in pots.



LITTLE HELPER... Model Judy Brent; hammer in hand, helps with construction of "Cinderella" home that will be exhibited during Los Angeles Home Show June 14-24. Model house is one of two under construction at Pan Pacific Auditorium, site of this year's Exposition.

Temperature is Important in Adding Rooms

Converting the garage or adding a bedroom for expanding family quarters requires special attention to the heating and ventilation problems, the Southern California Plastering Institute cautions. Frequently such additional rooms are "tacked" in the summer, and ice boxes in winter.

This is primarily due to the fact that ordinary temperature changes, which can drastically affect human comfort, are seldom considered in construction of space originally intended for automobile storage.

In addition to the comfort factor, Institute studies revealed that heating costs of improperly constructed room additions averaged 142 per cent higher over a five month period. The most important single factor affecting maintenance of proper room temperatures was materials used in walls and ceilings, which comprise an average of 81 per cent of all exposed interior surfaces.

The study listed as features most likely to insure proper room temperatures in both summer and winter the following: floors with high insulating qualities, properly fitted doors and windows, plaster walls and ceilings, windows placed far enough apart to achieve cross ventilation when needed and heating units of a size in correct ratio to the number of cubic feet of interior area serviced.

GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Spring flowering deciduous shrubs such as Weigela, Forsythia, Spiraea and Philadelphus should be pruned as they finish flowering.
2. It is desirable to thin Clematis Armandi vines (evergreen clematis) right after they finish their main spring bloom.
3. Evergreen shrubbery can be pruned for shape at this time.
4. If you failed to plant tuberous begonia tubers earlier, it is still not too late. Most nurseries are offering tuberous begonia plants now.
5. For the ideal Mother's Day gift, give a flowering plant.

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

Another very effective and selective chemical has been recently placed on the market for those of us who are trying to control crabgrass (not Bermuda) in our lawns. When properly used this new product called Di-Met kills the crabgrass plants without injury to the established good grasses. If you missed

a control of the seedlings last Fall and Winter it might be wise to use this product at this time.

Di-Met may be used on Merion Bluegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass, Red Top, Fescue, Colonial Bent, Sheeping Bent and Bermuda. On newly seeded lawns, apply after the third mowing, or some tip injury may appear. The best time to apply this product is when the crabgrass is in the seedling stage and prior to the branching out of the plant. It also has the ability to destroy many of the seeds in the soil as they germinate. Thorough coverage of all the area being treated is therefore important.

As this product is water soluble, it may be applied with a watering can, hand or pressure sprayer, or a hose-synthing device. These applications are timed from 6 to 7 days apart and usually twice over is sufficient. Small crabgrass plants will disintegrate quickly after killing, and need not be removed from the lawn. If you are killing large, mature plants that are left over from last year, it may be necessary to remove them and reseed as they do not decompose fast.

GETS ASSIGNMENT TO FORT LEWIS

Army Pvt. Jimmie H. Trotter, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Trotter, 21318 S. Western Ave., recently was assigned to the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The "Indianshead" Division is scheduled to move to Alaska in July and August as a part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan. He attended Narbonne High School in Lomita.

REAL LIFE STORY OF VICTORY OVER CANCER



My name is Virginia Graham and I think some of you may know me through my "Food for Thought" TV show on WABD-New York. Every day I "visit" with my viewers, talking about all the interesting and important things which go into homemaking.

I'm a homemaker as well as a performer, and my family... my husband, Harry and my ten-year daughter, Lynn... are the most important people in the world to me. Particularly since I once endangered my life by ignoring another kind of "Food for Thought."

Eight years ago, I noticed a bodily symptom which worried me. It worried my doctor, too, and he advised surgery. I put it off but finally, in 1950, I had an operation. I wouldn't be able to enjoy my family and my work, so I do, if I had put it off any longer.

That's why you should "Fight Cancer with a Checkup and a Check." An annual checkup may save your life. A check will save other lives. Right now, arrange for your checkup and send a check to the American Cancer Society Unit in your city.

Noted Artist To Open Art Exhibitions

Millard Sheets, noted water colorist, will be the featured guest at the opening of the South Bay Community Arts Association's new gallery in the Riviera Floor Covering Co., 312 Ave. I, next Sunday.

Sheets' work has been shown in many major exhibits throughout the country. His most recent honor was the Hallmark Art Award in 1955. The exhibit will be open to the public for one week. Hours for opening day at 2 to 8 p.m. The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. other days.

Paintings on display in the exhibit are by Loren Barton, Richard Haines, Don Lutz, Pierre Suard, Ray Mason and Gregory Glickman, Edgar Ewing and Clinton Adams.

Robert Graham, recent winner of best in show at the Torrance Flower Show, will make the floral arrangements for the tea tables. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

PTA Presidents Plan Final Luncheon for Current Year

May 1 at 2711 Highcliff marked the date and place where the unit presidents within the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, Inc., met for their last meeting of the year. Plans were made for their retiring and incoming presidents' luncheon which will be held on May 31 since the presidents all take office on June 1.

June 1 will end the two-year term for Mrs. William A. Wright and will begin a new one for Mrs. Francis Stoelcke, president-elect. Plans for the May 15 open council brunch were also discussed and all units will have a large representation to receive annual program and publicity awards from 33rd District and the California Congress.

A new project is being sponsored by Torrance Council as there will be a judging of the unit tables at the open council meeting and three prizes of choice California Congress pub-

Judge Blocks El Nido Races

Superior Judge Frank G. Swain blocked plans for revival of the motorcycle races at Micro Park, last week, when he ruled against issuance of a preliminary injunction which would have permitted the races to be resumed.

If the preliminary injunction had been issued the races could have been conducted pending trial of an injunction suit brought by Harold and Irene Fischer, owners and operators of the miniature track at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

Attorney Alex D. Fred, representing the Fischers, commented that it may take several months before the suit is brought to trial, which would be too late to benefit his clients. He explained that the permit to hold races at the track expires June 30.

Fred plans an immediate consultation with the Fischers to consider the possibility of seeking damages from the city of Redondo Beach, because its Council, after granting permission to hold the cycle races, later reversed itself and revoked the permission.

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