

## Homes & Gardens

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## New month brings garden shows & harbingers of spring

the stronger, longer sunlight hours have started the house plants into spring growth. The two seedling yellow clivia started from seed in 1998 have 16 and 12 leaves respectively and are due for repotting. They have a good chance of blooming

The half-barrel water garden from the hospital roof, which is wintering in my cool greenhouse, is completely green from the mimulus or monkey flowers. These are ideal plants for moist areas or in pots set in shallow water. They grow in sun or semi-shade but will shed their flowers in hot afternoon sun. Seeds are available from Stokes and should be sown now for June flowers. Geranium cuttings may be rooted now for late May planting in

The main gardening activities ahead are two major Garden Shows opening in March. The first on March 16th -19th is the 'Success with Gardening' show at the International Centre on Airport Road at Derry. The second is 'Canada Blooms' March 22nd — 26th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building, a short covered

walk from Union Station.

The 'Success with Gardening' show is a compact 75,000 sq. ft. exhibition of all gardening-related products at the International Centre. There are a number of garden landscape exhibits, an Ontario Horticultural Society plants and flower competition, and a Garden Theatre. As a bonus, the entrance fee includes free entrance to the 'Home &

Garden Show' in a separate section of the International Centre.

The landscaped gardens are in a 15,000 sq. ft. section and are designed and built to the theme, 'An Early Celebration of Spring.' The flower show is a competition in horticulture and design by local competitive gardeners and arrangers. The theatre has

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