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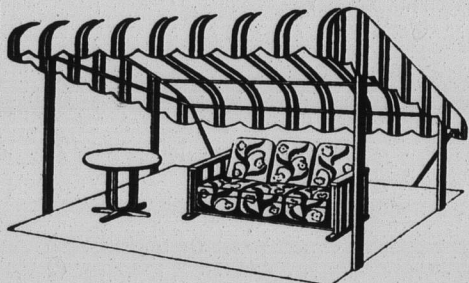
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HOME and GARDEN

12 Clubs Join Garden Center; Hold Session

The North Shore Garden center held an organization meeting last Monday at Winnetka Community House and selected the following members of the executive committee: Mrs. Hallett Thorne, president; Mrs. Sidney Ball, vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Roberts, secretary; Mrs. C. S. DeLong, treasurer; Mrs. Samuel McCaulley, chairman of the library committee; Mrs. Warren Shoemaker, chairman of the publicity committee; Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, chairman of the program committee; Mrs. Grant Ridgway, chairman of the finance committee; and Mrs. William Colvin, chairman of the projects and policy committee. Twelve clubs were represented at the organization meeting Monday, and the Ravinia Garden club is also to be a member of the center, although it had no members at the meeting.

Large Delegation

The Winnetka Garden club, which sponsors the center, had as its representatives Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. McCaulley, and Mrs. Robert Gardner. The other clubs which compose the center sent the following representatives: Kenilworth Garden club, Mrs. Douglas Flood, Mrs. Grant Ridgway; Kenilworth Home and Garden club, Mrs. Arthur Lindsley, Mrs. Frank Nason; Kenilworth Junior Garden club, Mrs. Otis Heath, Mrs. Stuyvesant Butler; Lake Forest Garden club, Mrs. Charles DeLong, Mrs. Edward L. Hasler; garden department of Winnetka Woman's club, Mrs. W. J. Rankin, Mrs. Albert Weary; Lake Bluff Garden club, Mrs. G. Jackson, Mrs. Morris Manderville; North Shore Garden club, Mrs. Mary Black, Mrs. Morton D. Cahn; Glencoe Garden club, Mrs. H. J. Roberts, Mrs. William Sutherland; Wilmette Garden club, Mrs. Frank Scheidenhelm, Mrs. John Weedon; Wilmette Evening Garden club, Mrs. J. J. Mills; Lincolnwood Garden club (Evanston), Mrs. David Williams.

Open Every Monday

The North Shore Garden center will be open every Monday from 10 until 5 in Community House, Winnetka, and service along the following lines will be given just as freely to non-garden-club members as to members: monthly seasonal exhibits of flowers; one or more lectures on garden subject appropriate to the season; personal attention by the director in charge, to garden problems and questions on horticultural subjects confronting the small home owner; assistance of a librarian for the study of foreign, historic, and local gardens. It is to be a clearing house of information for local amateur flower specialist garden owners, club programs, and local exhibits.

Promote Conservation

One phase of the center's work will be the promotion of public interest in conservation of plants and beauty spots, in park development, billboard menace, gasoline station improvement, and civic planting through exhibits, publicity, and demonstrations.

The executive committee urges

Easy to Make Mistakes With Rock Gardens

By Alfred C. Hottes

Better Homes and Gardens Editor

Although thousands of rock gardens have been built throughout the United States, I predict that many of them will be rebuilt this season, for each year there is a growing appreciation of the true function of a rock garden.

Rock gardens have taken many indescribable forms, and each has satisfied the desires of the builder. For instance, I think most people intend to copy nature in building their rock gardens, but nature is so vast that one person may be thinking of a ledge of out-cropping rock in New York state; another may be thinking of a boulder field of Colorado; another of a tufa-rock formation such as is found in Ohio.

Whatever type of natural rock garden you have in mind you can do no better than to study nature in her various moods as found throughout the world. Without seeming critical, may I point out some of the common errors which we all make when we first build rock gardens, so that if you have not built yours, you will be inspired to do the work well for the first time? Ask yourself these questions:

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1. Is there an adequate background, or does the tiny rock hill have the broad open spaces of the world or even a garage as a background?
2. If you have a waterfall in your garden, does it appear to drop naturally from a brook with a higher source or does it appear artificial, coming out of the clear blue sky?
3. Is your rock garden placed beneath overhanging trees, which cause a drip of snow and rain through the winter, so that the tiny plants are subjected to excess moisture and alternate freezing and thawing? Do these trees have their roots in the rock garden so that they deprive the miniature plants of their full share of this moisture?
4. If your rock garden is informal, have you followed too straight lines, too regular curves, too set designs?
5. Do the strata go in the wrong direction?

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everybody to use this center and gives the following invitation: "Come and see us and bring your garden puzzles. If we can't help you, we will find someone who can."

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