

Hints for your summer garden

- Flowers planted around trees help protect them from lawn mower injury. When you water the flowers, water deeply to help keep the tree healthy during dry periods. Be sure to choose shade-loving annuals such as impatiens, begonias and coleus.

- Did you know? Picking old blossoms frequently encourages most annuals to flower even more abundantly.



Three Generations

Woodhouse Branch, Norfolk South District has three generations amongst its members. Pictured are Mrs. Dennis McCutcheon (foreground), behind her is her aunt, Mrs. Lester Feere (branch president) and on the right is Mrs. Earl Reichheld, their aunt and branch life member.

- Many gardeners ask when to water their outdoor garden plants. If any is to be done, the best time is in the morning or early afternoon, giving ample time for plants to dry before sundown. If plants are wet overnight, fungus troubles may occur. Water enough to soak the root area, but no more than once or twice a week. Only rarely would you need to water daily.

- Why grow annuals? Because annuals are easy to grow, quick to bloom, flower continuously, and make beautiful cut flowers to bring indoors. Hundreds of varieties are available in almost every colour imaginable. So, if you want a beautiful and colourful landscape early this year, plant annual bedding plants. Visit your nearest garden centre.

- Want to get more out of your vegetable garden? Try interplanting. To interplant, you put rows of fast growing vegetables between rows of slow growing ones. All the crops are planted at once, but they'll mature at different times. Simply set rows of fast-growing crops such as lettuce, spinach or radishes between slower crops like tomatoes or cucumbers. The speedy ones will be ready for harvest just about when the slow ones get big and need lots of room.

- Do you have an area around your home where grass just won't grow? You might want to try planting a ground cover. These are dense, low-growing plants that eventually spread to form lush, green carpets. For shady areas, try pachysandra. For sun to part shade, plant hypericum with its delicate yellow flowers, or for pretty lavender flowers, ajuga and periwinkle. All are easy to grow.

- There are lots of bedding plants that flower all summer long and make your shaded areas as colourful as they are cool. Wax begonias have round clusters of pink, red or white flowers which bloom so profusely, they often hide the glossy foliage. Impatiens and coleus can't be beaten for adding bright colours to shady areas.



Home

Raymond W. Eberhardt

Home is a priceless stronghold
If family ties are bound
By faithful trust and wholesome
love...
There happiness is found.

Home is a secret stronghold
Away from worldly cares,
Where we invite our good
friends in
To share our easy chairs.

Home is a private palace
That bears its whispered tears
With promise that the future
holds
Contentment through the years

Home is a shining citadel,
The center of all pleasure.
It weaves a web of childhood
days...
Memories to treasure.