



ADDING TO THE INTERIOR LANDSCAPE at Fendley's Brampton Greenhouse is Cindy Gray of Georgetown. Plants have suddenly made the move from outdoor patio scenes to every room in the house with a plant for each lighting and temperature situation.

Plants: They're moving in

There was once a time when you thought of household plants the immediate picture coming to mind was a little old lady with windowsill upon windowsill of blooming African Violets. Now indoor plants have taken on a new meaning as decorator accents in every room of the house.

Along with the sudden interest in indoor green plants go new terms such as "interior landscaping" and "green effect". They all play important roles in the final, overall appearance of the room settings.

Manager of Fendley Florists, Georgetown, Gord Fendley explained that with the sudden upswing in the use of green plants in the home environment, at times it is difficult to keep a full stock of the tropical plants on hand.

Plants provide an added decorator accent that cannot

be achieved with regular home furnishings. Unusual spaces that are not ideal for furniture can be attractively and economically decorated with displays of tropical plants in unique and personally created interior landscapes.

The large number of books and television programs on the subject of growing plants have broken down the old fears that once kept all but a few plants from homes.

"Once people began to realize that caring for a plant is simple they begin to experiment with bigger plants for a different effect," furthered Mr. Fendley.

The key to successful plant growing is letting the plant adapt to its surroundings plus carefully considering the type of plant for the area. Some plants prefer bright light while others can thrive in the darkest corners of a living room.

"Bright light does not mean direct sunlight," explained Gord. Bright light means strong, diffused light that can't

burn the plant." Plants can adapt to many room environments if given time to make the adjustment from a humid greenhouse to a drier home atmosphere. Saturating the plant with water on its first day in the house is not a recommended procedure in any case.

For the first week or two the plant will probably need water frequently. One very healthy way of applying added water is by spraying the leaves with an atomizer.

A cool position away from direct sunlight is the best for any new plant.

"The most common cause of death among plants is over-watering," explained Mr. Fendley. "The roots become rotted and can't provide nutrition for the plant."

Various factors govern the amount of water the plant requires and watering daily is not a good rule of thumb to follow. Size, room humidity and temperature and amount of light, affect how much water a plant needs to live.

When watering saturate the

entire root ball and let the excess water drain to avoid drowning the vital root hairs.

The larger the plant, the larger the root system and the larger the pot required to provide nutrition for the plant. Overcrowding can cause the roots to suffocate and the plant to die.

"It doesn't take a lot of time to grow healthy plants but adapting them to your home and recognizing their routines is the key to healthy plants," added Mr. Fendley.

Each plant has its own preferred soil conditions and light characteristics which any florist would be glad to explain.

Plants come in a variety of sizes and shapes in an even wider range of prices depending on the size and availability of the plant. The young plants sell for a tenth of the larger plants because they have taken the greenhouse operator less time to get them to a saleable size.

Some plants are difficult to reproduce and their costs are judged accordingly.

At one time the tropical plant business was not a flourishing business but now it is an important asset to any florist business. Now large commercial and industrial concerns lease plants from suppliers to add life to offices and stores.

Playboy magazine millionaire Hugh Hefner for instance, has reduced the number of plants in his mansion to cut leasing costs from over \$200,000 to just over \$100,000 per year.

Plants now provide year-round enjoyment in any home environment and can be

enjoyed by anyone who is willing to learn to care for the simplest types of plants.

If you are in doubt about the condition of your greenery Gord Fendley explained they also have a plant hospital section in their greenhouse for revitalizing and taking care of sick plants.

The ways of using plants is only limited by the user's imagination. Plants hung on macramé hangers provide an interesting window effect that can be used to replace or compliment drapes.

There is a plant for everyone with a little room and a little water.

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Zeta Alpha hold social

The first meeting of the Zeta Alpha chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority was held at the home of Ruby Garton. Plans were made for the coming year and four new pledges were introduced. Irene Willis, Jean Ryan, Krystine Melesko and Jackie Vendetti were the new women introduced.

Due to the fact that this is International Women's Year all Beta Sigma Phi chapters are following the program book, "Heritage and the Woman".

At the first meeting Jerri Stoddart and Sharon Thorn showed a film entitled "Woman: The Hand that Cradles the Rock". They also had the members fill in sheets of background information on themselves to assist in future programs.

Pat Baetz continued the theme of the sorority's second meeting held at the home of Jerri Stoddart. Her talk centred on what women are heir to and included the reaction to the liberation

movement of the 60's and the roles women play in the business world and in politics. A lively discussion followed.

A social night was held on September 25 for the new members at the home of Karen Morris. The theme for the social was a "Night in New Orleans." The Mardi Gras atmosphere was reflected in carnival colors of purple, green and gold, masks on the wall and a typical French menu.

The members enjoyed an evening of socializing and getting to know the new members.

On October 3, the chapter undertook a mixed social with the theme "A Casino Night". Various games were played with winnings donated to the chapter.

Ken Hutchison was the lucky winner of a bottle of wine for accurately guessing how many jelly beans were in a jar. Feasting and dancing rounded out a pleasant evening.

"Swami" Helen Palmateer called on the chapter's friendly spirits to explain to the new members the roles and duties of the executive at the meeting held at the home of Pat Baetz on October 7.

Those heard from were, president, June Campbell, vice-president, Sharon Thorn; treasurer, Helen Hutchison; recording secretary, Glennie Brown; corresponding

secretary, Jerri Stoddart; service chairman, Noreen McElhorne; ways and means chairman, Susan Mooney and social chairman Karen Morris.

Sharon Thorn presented a program based on the members' background sheets and the chapter officially welcomed Jean Ryan and Krystine Melesko as new members.

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GLT ready for benefit

The members of Georgetown Little Theatre are putting the final touches on their first production of the season, "Move Over Mrs. Markham." The English comedy was first produced in London, and received acclamation for its risqué and amusing dialogue in both European and North American reviews.

For the first time in GLT history the group is sponsoring a wine and cheese party following a special Wednesday evening performance to raise money for the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital building funds.

The extra performance for the hospital will be held on October 22. One admission price for the evening covers the performance and the wine and cheese party to be held in St. George's Anglican Hall.

Hospital auxiliary to attend convention

Three members of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will attend the convention of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario.

This will be the 65th convention of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association. The association is comprised of 225 auxiliaries with over 60,000 members.

Mrs. Jean Macdonald, first vice-president; Mrs. Sandra Cooper, co-ordinator of volunteers and Mrs. Beulah Lafontaine will represent the Georgetown auxiliary at the convention which is being held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto from October 26 to 29.

The highlight of the three days will be the Tuesday sessions conducted by Dr. Eva Schildner-Ralman, an organizational and community consultant affiliated with the University of Southern California. Dr. Ralman's topic will be "There are more volunteers today than



EVERYONE GETS INTO THE ACT. Neville Worsnop who plays the male lead in Georgetown Little Theatre's production of Move Over Mrs. Markham adds the finishing touches to the set as crews made themselves busy for next week's opening benefit show.

ever...". Sister Margaret Smith, administrator at St. Joseph's General Hospital in North Bay and Mr. Anthony Grant, partner of Woods, Gordon and Co., management consultants in Toronto, will be the speakers on a panel, "Health care - big business and the human element." Panels and round table discussions are planned.

Fun carries on ...

The tourist industry in "Festival Country" of which Halton is an integral part has grown to a \$320.3 million business.

The Niagara and Mid-western Ontario Travel Association which is actively supporting the promotion of Festival Country throughout Canada and Ontario has calculated that the money spent by tourists from Ontario, Canada and the United States last year roughly equals \$20 for every resident of this area.

Waterloo, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton and Niagara and the counties of Wellington, Brant and Dufferin. The name Festival Country refers to the 122 festivals, fairs and other celebrations held annually in the area.

Current activities by the travel association include a newspaper advertising campaign, telling potential visitors from other parts of Ontario and the northwest states that "summer may be over...but the fun carries on in Festival Country."

Canadian theme for guest folksinger

Folksinger Dorothy Hogan chose a Canadian theme for her program presented at a meeting of the Georgetown University Women's Club held last week. The new Gordon Alcott Arena provided accommodation for the public to share in the entertainment.

folk songs, and poetry illustrated her theme. "To be Canadian," said Dorothy Hogan "is to question what it is to be a Canadian." Since the land is so immense, it has been easier for people to identify with a particular region rather than with the nation as a whole.

The gamut of regional interests is reflected in songs from the logging camps, the prairies, and the Maritimes. Selections from these areas included "The Frozen Logger," "The Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim" and "I's the B'ys that Builds the Boat."

"Wade in the Water." The most interesting insight into a historical figure was provided when Mrs. Hogan sang the moving song Louis Riel wrote to his sister from exile. In contrast to Riel's sensitive poetry, the songs of the volunteers who marched west to defeat him are mere grumbling or boasting. It is Riel, the Metis leader of the rebellion who emerges as the gentleman.

Mrs. Hogan is already known through her choir work with the "Sugar Bush Group," her album, "Maple Sugar Songs of Early Canada" and an anthology called Songs and Poems of Canada.

While Mrs. Hogan's mellow voice carried the stanzas of the songs, the audience joined in heartily on the chorus. Dorothy Hogan's presence

From Newfoundland came an anti-Canadian Song of 1858. The party that opposed any scheme of confederation with Canada easily won the election.

For the audience, Dorothy Hogan's performance was outstanding entertainment which increased awareness of our Canadian identity.

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