



Green-thum' n'

by Elli Dryden

Bridal hints

Can't help a girl for trying, but the past couple of weeks have been a short Sabbatical for me. Actually, my September calendar reads like a dandelion seed in a wind storm.

One of my pleasures this month was attending a seminar with a colleague on flower arranging with silks and what's new in the near future.

A bridal fashion show displayed the new colors in style and new futuristic floral arrangements being used. Keep in mind the original color using all its own shades and tints. For example, starting with pale pink, then pink, rose, fuchsia, magenta, wine, red and purple.

From a florist's point of view, we have the booking, ordering of flowers hopefully after the bride has done some comparison shopping and decided on what she would like.

Then there's the attendants' flowers, bridal bouquet, corsages and boutonieres. Also to be considered are the church, reception and home decorating areas.

Budgetwise? Flowers are usually the last item included after all else, so sometimes florists have to be magicians while still giving their maximum.

Now onto the different type of weddings: starting with (ahhh!) candlelight evening weddings, the "Again" factor which is the second, third, fourth, etc., time around (if you happen to be that lucky). To be considered are Nostalgia, Traditional, Espanol (European flavor), Sophistication and of course, my favorite, Christmas wedding. "Noel, Noel."

CHAPEL SETTING

The chapel setting is either formal or informal, as with the reception.

Silks which can be incorporated with fresh flowers is an interesting topic. Silks will be discussed in an entirety.

Fresh flowers are no doubt beautiful even if they last but a fleeting moment, while silks remain forever or as long as the marriage goes, (whichever comes last). Later they can be rearranged to set in an apartment or house as a reminder of that special occasion.

Whenever the wedding or time of season, the "new" may still be incorporated. Wines, pinks, purples, rust and the new "dusty" shades are "in" for next year.

WITCHWAY

Time and time again, I will stress which way to wear a corsage and, as the very fashionable Pamela Eves-Chebro, Fashion Coordinator for the Toronto Eaton Centre said, "Flowers lift their heads towards the heavens."

More specifics on this topic are available on request. Now I'm off to visit a Toronto hospital which deals with combining their sick with a horticultural programme, with very beneficial results.

The National Gift show will take a full eight hours of walking to cover the whole exhibit, so for another couple of weeks I'm off. What I will be doing is alternating with the "Beauty Spot", a worthwhile Herald column.

Before I sign off, I challenge anyone to create a "Greenthumb" crossword puzzle, something I have been doing since early summer and cannot pull together. There will be a prize.

Greenly yours.

Day leads national group

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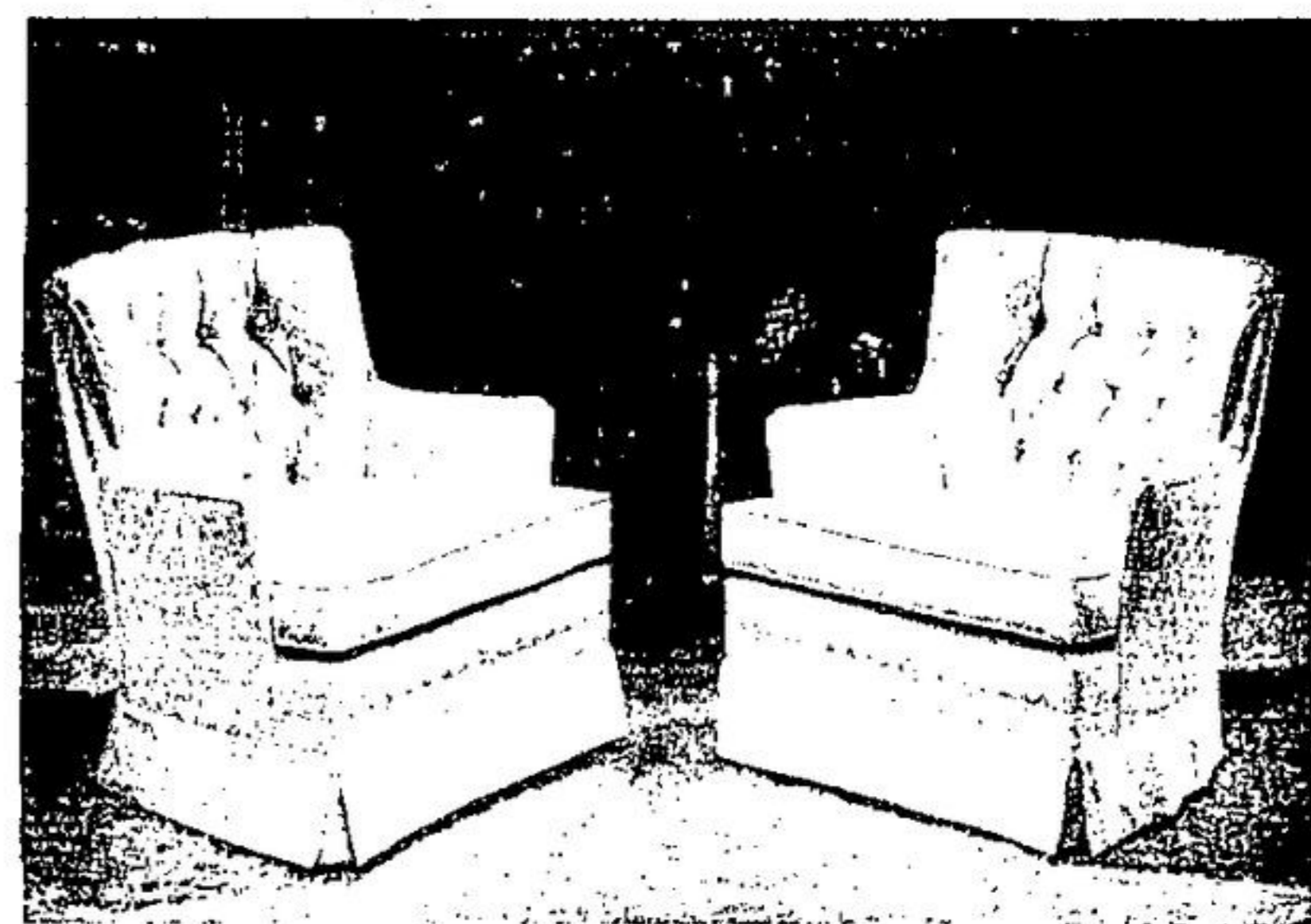
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