

# Town Gardener

## Caring for flowers

By TOM CAVAN

Did your husband just bring you a dozen roses? Maybe you just decided to treat yourself to some long-lasting carnations, or just maybe you need to inspire all your guests? The reasons will blossom and you want that bouquet of colour to look fresh and to last.

Under the best circumstances, the life of uncut flowers (flowers still on the plant) goes like this: 15-30 days for chrysanthemums, 6-12 days for roses, 15-20 days for carnations. Now that you know the potential of the flower, with proper care you can have cut flowers perform their inherited qualities. I don't think anyone would complain that their roses only lasted 8 days or after two weeks they decided the carnations are passe. However, I will always hear of the rose that lost its head or the carnation that would not open, so let me clear the air.

First, we should remember longevity isn't the only criteria. We want the flower to perform for our senses. Once cut in bud, expectations of opening, fragrance and intense colour - those are the pleasures of fresh cut flowers. So gang, if we expect so much, is it too much to give these maidens-in-waiting a little in return? If you follow a few basic steps, success awaits the florist within you.

Upon their arrival, re-cut the stems on a Green Giant green bean angle. If you have roses and tulips, do it under water so that air does not creep up the stem

and cause the flower head to droop. Fill your vase with room temperature water and add only the floral preservative that comes complimentary with flowers. Remove all foliage on stems below the water line and take care not to scrape or cut the stem bark. If arranging, let the flowers stand in the vase for two to four hours before arranging and saturate oasis in water with floral preservative. Avoid direct sun and hot rooms. Keep the flowers away from fluctuating temperatures. The cooler you keep them, the longer they will last.

Do not place cut flowers in your refrigerator. Different fruits and vegetables emit ethylene gas which will ruin your prize cuts.

Water represents 90% of flower weight, once supplied by roots, now supplied by you. Change the water every two days and yes, recut the stems. Warmer room temperature water moves faster through cells and tests show acidified water moves through cut flowers five times faster, thus answering misbeliefs about using different concoctions and wive's tales. None will out perform local floral preserve which we retailers freely give with your purchase. Avoid home-made remedies because even though they are helpful, they usually contain elements that will work against your flowers.

If you have any questions call the Grapevine Hotline, 519-833-2117 or write "The Town Gardener," R.R.2 Erin, Ont., NOB ITO.

## Sheridan College offers new fashion course

Sheridan College's new Fashion Management and Computer Design Techniques Program, which began this month, has proven so successful that the next intake quota (for September 1991) will increase from 16 to 24 students.

A one-year, post-diploma program, Fashion Management and Computer Design Techniques is the only program in the Ontario college system which has been specifically designed around the use of computers within the fashion industry.

Sheridan's Fashion Management and Computer Design Techniques Program was developed to enhance the skills and career opportunities of students who have successfully completed any post-secondary fashion design program, or mature students with a com-

parable level of industry experience and skill. In addition to developing computer grading and pattern making skills, students also develop valuable skills in small business management, human resource management, marketing and advertising, and production management.

"The students love it," said Chair, Fashion Arts Rick Henderson. "The initial response indicates they are extremely happy with the program."

For more information, please call Co-ordinator, Fashion Management and Computer Design Techniques Sybil Ramprasad at (416) 845-9430, ext. 204, or write to Sheridan College, Faculty of Fashion, Media, Merchandising, and Music Theatre, 1430 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 2L1.

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