

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

ROOTING HORMONES

Propagating is a rewarding and economical way to increase the number of your plants. Using a rooting hormone makes it so much easier and faster to root your favourite houseplants and shrubs. It also aids in the formation of roots on cutting that are normally difficult to root.

Rooting hormones are most often available as a powder form. To use them, simply remove the lower leaves from a 2 to 6 inch stem cutting. Dip the base of the cutting into the powder and remove the surplus hormone by tapping it lightly on the container. Then slip the cutting into a little hole pressed into a moist, porous rooting medium or soil. Firm the soil around the cutting. Roots will form within days to weeks depending on what is being rooted. Rooting hormones will also aid the rooting on leaf cuttings and leaf petiole cuttings of African Violets, Tuberous Begonias, etc.

Hormones are available in various strengths. The weakest formulation is useful on soft-wood cuttings such as: coleus, geraniums and shrubs. The medium or middle one is used when new growth on plants become firm, particularly on broadleaf evergreens. The strongest hormone is needed for hardwood cuttings. When the plant is dormant in autumn, or early winter the hardwood cuttings taken from flowering shrubs and trees, can be treated with this hormone to aid successful rooting.

Every other week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!

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Georgetown District Hospital Volunteer Association

Volunteer members honored at convention

The Georgetown District Hospital Volunteer Association wrapped up 1994 with a Christmas Dinner and Dance held at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Special thanks to: Art Effects for the framed print, Fendley Florists for their centre pieces, Inez Crichton for the chocolate table favors, Ernie Bodnar and Ken Kavanagh for the bottles of wine given away for door prizes and Don Vetro for his valued assistance. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a success!

On November 8, the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario held the

convention in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel. Eleanor McLeod and Barbara Phipps became Provincial Life Members of the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario. The Georgetown Volunteer Association are very proud of these ladies who have worked hard and given so much of their time for others. Keep it up ladies!

General meeting

The next general meeting for the Volunteer Association will be February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bennett Centre Activity Room. There will be a brief meeting and enjoy a guest speaker.









For further information call Vi Haines at 877-4593.



Eleanor McLeod (left) and Barbara Phipps became Provincial Life Members of Hospital Auxiliaries of Ont.

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