

Expand your culinary horizons by planting herbs in the garden

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What could be more intoxicating than a room scented by bundles of rosemary and thyme near the door? Since cuisine branched off from mere "cooking," herbs have played a major role in adding flavor to food. Thanks to Botanix, a wide selection of aromatics is available for you to plant in gardens, planters and pots...always within easy reach. With fine herbs, your culinary horizons will expand dramatically to welcome new gastronomic experiences...

Most fine herbs can be made into teas and many are high in vitamins: parsley and chives, for example, are chock full of Vitamin C. Add some to your fish and meat marinades, or mix them up as pesto. Heavenly!

A word of advice: Use cilantro instead of basil to make an extraordinary, adventuresome pesto!

A fine herb pot in 5 easy steps

1. Place a piece of damp sphagnum moss in the bottom of your pot. Fill the pot with potting soil up to the first set of holes. If the plant is big, reduce the size of the root ball.

2. Place the plant in the hole and pack in the roots. Tamp the soil from the inside, as well, to make sure there are no air pockets between the root ball and the soil.

3. Put in the plants with the largest root balls from the inside, packing soil carefully and placing the plant at the right height in relation to the hole.

4. Fill the pot up to the next set of holes. Continue to the third set. Fill with soil to the top.

5. Add plants to the top of the pot. Choose your favorite herbs. Mix foliage colors and textures.

Berries: the delight of summer

You don't need a huge garden to enjoy a wonderful variety of berries. A small space can produce a truly delectable harvest. Currants, blueberries and gooseberries are shrubs that can be planted in rows to make a small hedge, planted in traditional gardens or— why not— incorporated into flowerbeds. Some berries even grow well on decks. You can savor all the delights of summer with berries from the Botanix collection. Our 2002 collection has some fabulous strawberry and blueberry plants.

A word of advice: It is highly recommended that you use Botanix 5-10-15 fertilizer to make sure your soil has all the essential nutrients.

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—By Nathalie Houde, Landscape Architect, Botanix, News Canada

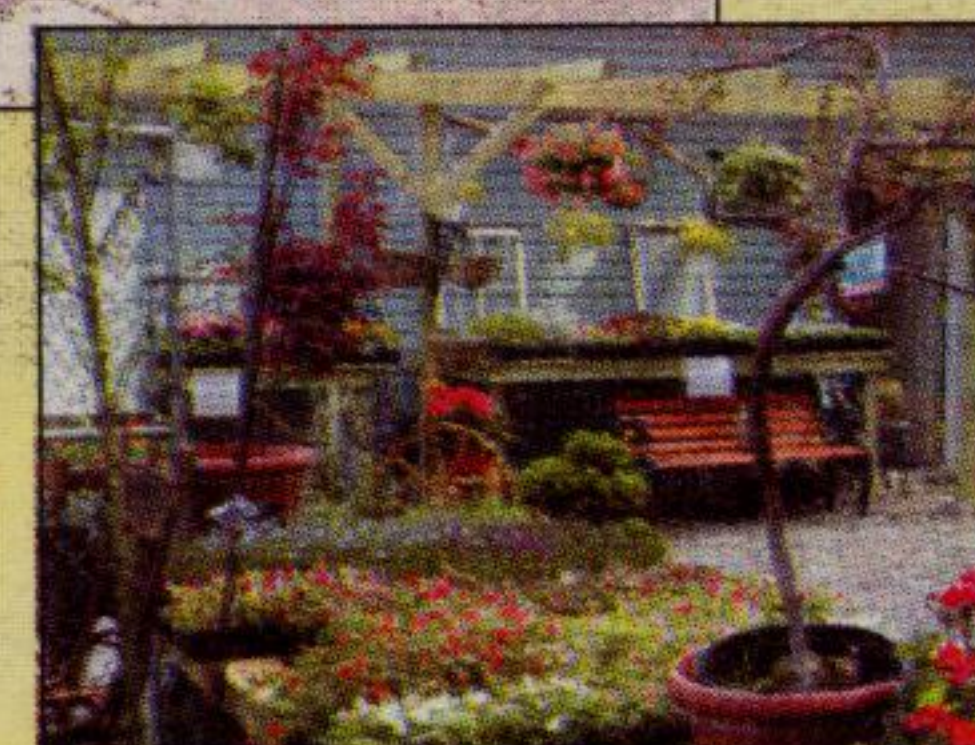
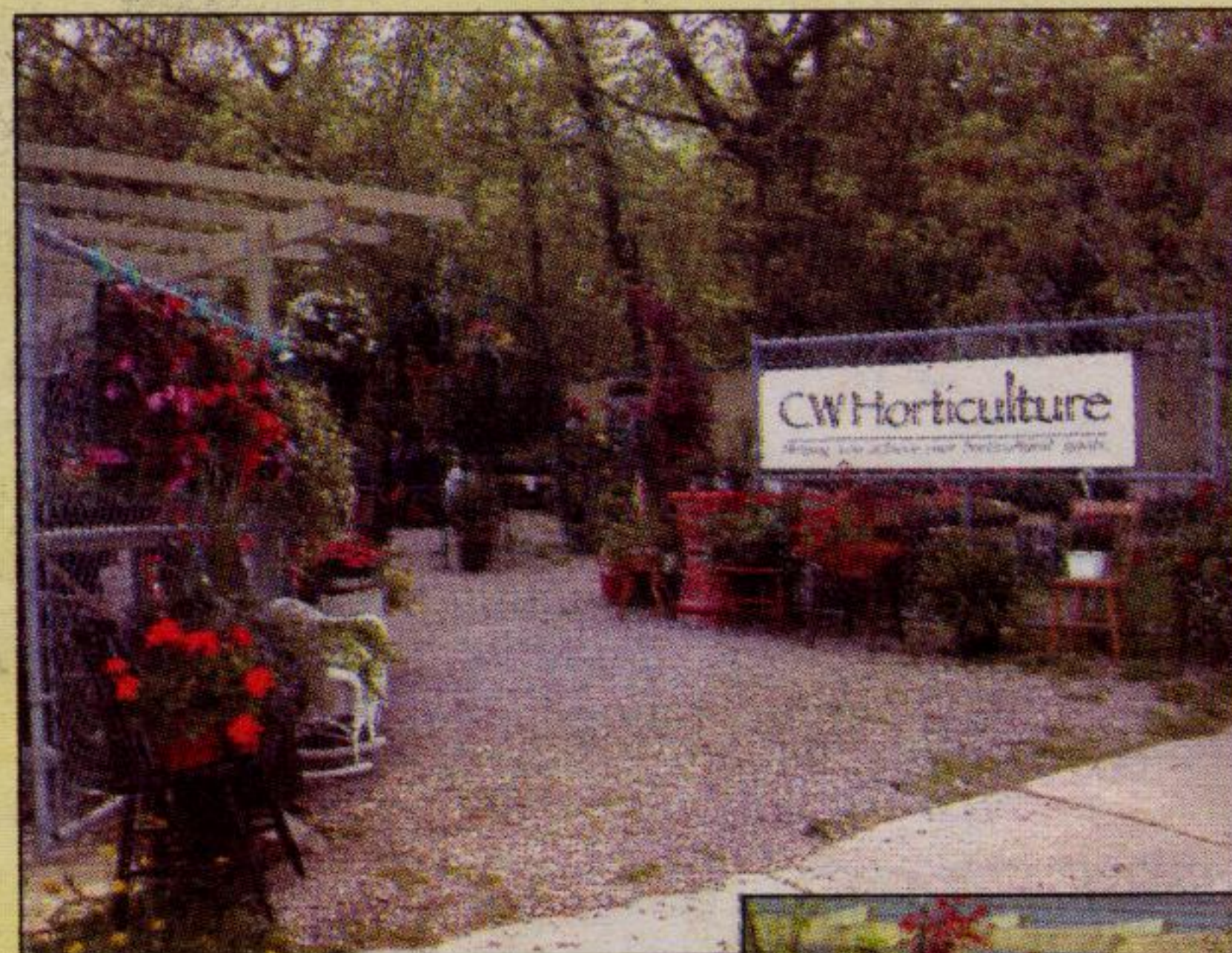
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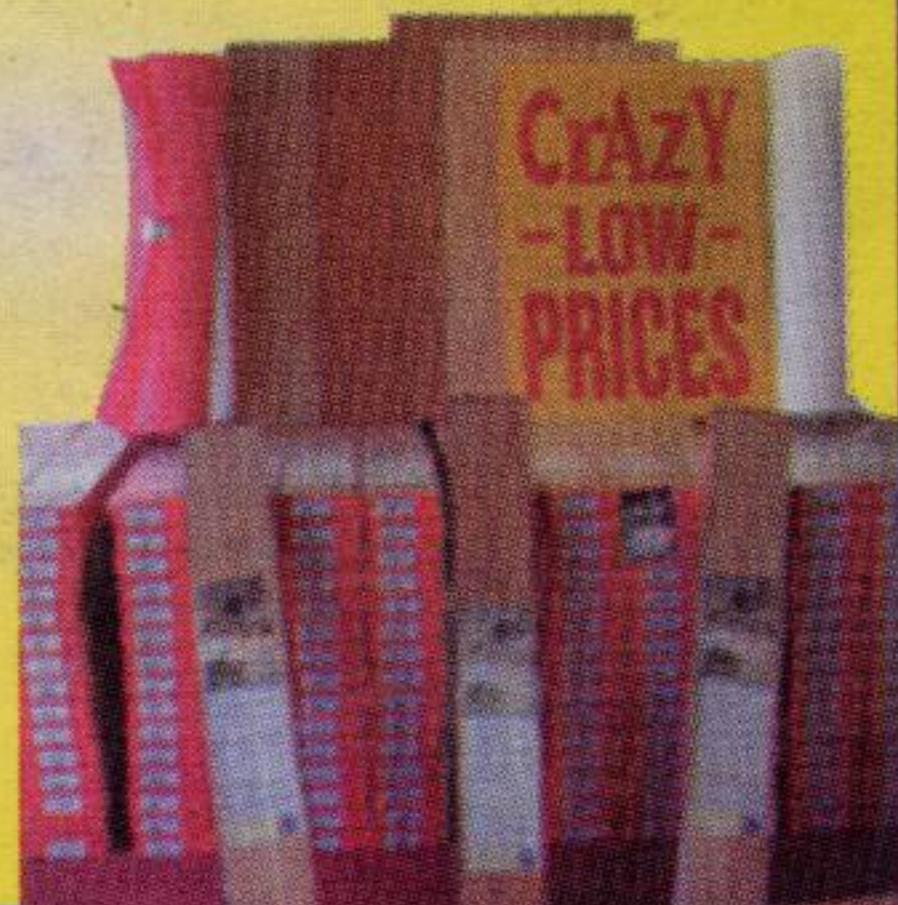
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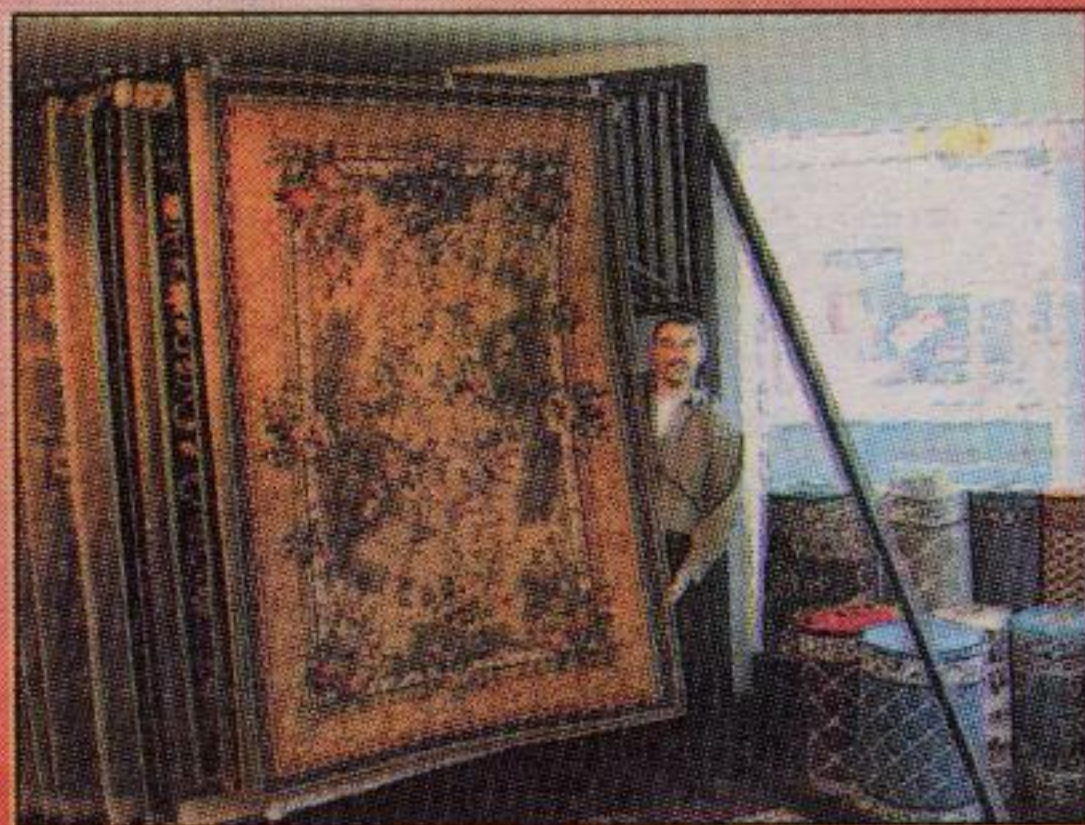
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