

## GARDEN

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### The Rock or Alpine Garden Discussed

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In a series of articles I will describe First: Where to locate or build your rock garden. Also, drainage and soil.

Second: How to place rocks, boulders, etc.; and what rocks to select for different surroundings.

Third: How, and what to plant, with.

Today, let us select a place for your rockery. A rock garden, the same as a formal or semi-formal garden must fit its environment, and should have a seclusion all its own.

If there is a rise or high point in a corner of your property, give it a

tall background — the two sides a somewhat lower growing planting; the front open or planted with dwarf evergreens, the ground properly drained, and you have a good location for a rock garden; always bear in mind, however, that most alpine plants love a sunny position. Or you may create in some secluded spot a hilly location for the garden.

If your house is situated on high ground, or surrounded by terraces, these terraces are ideal for a rock garden, which can be built at a small cost on such places; the South or East terrace is probably best suited.

If your property is rolling or hilly, there is always a natural spot for a rock garden; but, be sure, give it the seclusion needed, by planting of proper background in harmony with its surrounding.

If your driveway cuts deep into property, forming high banks, such banks are admirably suited for rockeries. But, very often, this practice is over done.

Always be sure that location for rock garden is perfectly drained. For drainage use draitiles, 3 or 4 inches in diameter, laid two feet deep in ground and connected with sewer, lakelet, etc. Spade 18 - 24 inches deep; mix native clay soil with 2 parts good, black loam and 1 part coarse torpedo sand. Where soil is extra heavy and gummy, remove 1 foot of this clay soil; over this excavated area spread cinders or gravel, 6 inches deep, and spade into subsoil; cover with 3 parts loam and 1 part sand, well mixed. Thus you secure a good start for an alpine garden.

In some future issue I will tell the important and the most misunderstood part, of: How to place rocks.

### True Artistry in Rock Garden Design

By J. R. Roote, Landscape Service

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