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CLUE #4

- You don't bake it
- You don't fry it
- You don't steam it
- You don't broil it
- You _____ it.



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Indoor plants brighten home

After you pack away the Christmas decorations and the tree has become mulch on your perennial border, your home may seem a little bare. Perhaps it's time to treat yourself to a new flowering houseplant.

We are fortunate to have a houseplant specialist at Goodwood Gardens, and we have many tropical choices. Most of the varieties are offered as mature plants in large pots or hanging baskets for those who prefer instant color or in small grower pots if you wish to grow it on. I suggest you treat yourself to at least one of the following.

The abutilon or flowering maple blooms non-stop all year, if it has sufficient light. There are upright forms which can be grown into small trees and trailing varieties more suited to hanging baskets.

Some have maple-shaped, apple green leaves while others have various patterns of variegation. Flowers hang either singly or in pairs and are bell-shaped or lantern-like. Bloom color ranges from white, yellow to pink or red. These versatile plants can be used outdoors in summer and returned inside for the winter. The shrimp plant or beloperone has fascinating blooms. The 4-5 inch flower spikes have brownish red bracts which overlap like roof-



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ing tiles ending with yellow flowers. It will often bloom for 10 months of the year. A yearly cutting back will keep the plant bushy and flowering well.

The bougainvillea are vigorous, subtropical plants with shiny, woody stems, small leaves and masses of decorative bracts surrounding small creamy flowers on somewhat vining stems. The large varieties are often trained to a single stem but recently introduced dwarf types remain bushy and are excellent in smaller pots. The bracts come in a wide range of colors and some varieties have variegated foliage. Bougainvilleas need as much light as possible and would make excellent solarium plants. When stressed, eg. if they dry out, the plants may shed their leaves but they will produce a new crop when conditions are to their liking.

The popular pot plant kalanchoe is an upright succulent with long lasting blooms. It's easy to care for but difficult to rebloom because it needs 14 hours of darkness each day for three months to initiate flower buds. A kalanchoe which I like more is one with a trailing habit suitable for a hanging basket called 'Italian Bells'.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, I will be giving a slide show at the Uxbridge Library entitled Learning From Gardens Around the World.

Send your questions or comments to: Let's Get Growing, c/o The Tribune, 88 Brock St. West, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1R4; Attn: Marjorie Mason Hogue.

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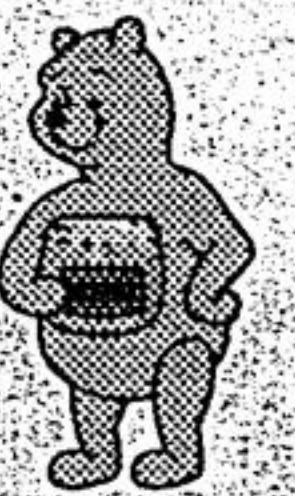
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