GARDENING LETTERS

by Doug Green

July has to be one of my favourite months, this is the month that my all time favourite flowers bloom in all their multi-hued glory. I am of course referring to the Hemerocallis family or Daylilies. We have just over different colours Hemerocallis and even those who do not really like them admit that they make a good the display in colour nursery. I will be moving as many as I can this summer to display beds the beside greenhouses so that you can drive by and enjoy them as well. On a sadder note, some may recall of you mentioning my Arundo donax, {the giant reed plant}, It appears as I write that this zone 7 plant has finally gone to the great compost heap in the sky. I was fun growing this semi-tropical plant while it lasted.

I do repeat here that stretching the boundaries of plants is great fun on a limited basis and one should not be really intimidated because some expert says you can't grow that here. {even if it is me}. I'm sure you all know the definition of expert- 'ex' is Latin for 'out of'; and 'spurt' is a 'small drip'.

Moving right along. I have had a lot of folks ask about shade plants for the garden this spring and I thought that I should focus on a few of the better ones in this edition of the Lantern.

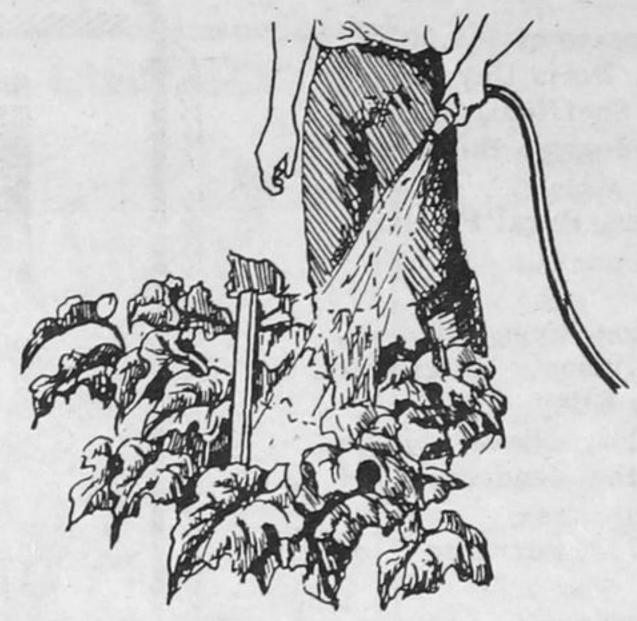
13-1

18 3

07

The queen of the shade While plants is the Hosta. possessing lily-like flowers, most Hosta are grown for their foliage. Growing quite comfortably in most soils, even under such acid plants as pine and oak, they make deep shade beds stand right with their coloured out The common Hosta foliage. fortunei is seen in many gardens with its green leaf striped or variegated with {Hosta fortunei, white. variety Medio variegata . This is a fast growing Hosta which contributes to its ease of propagation and quite low price. On the other end of the scale is the Hosta tokudama variety Aureo This is a slow nebulosa. growing Japanese hosta with a blue green, ribbed huge leaf which stands out in any garden. The two most loved include Hosta Host.a sieboldiana variety Elegans, a blue green leaved Hosta and offspring, Hosta seiboldiana variety Frances Williams a blue green leaved variety with yellow gold variegation.

As far as I am concerned, these plants lend a sense of class to most shade gardens. If you want to see these plants in action, we are establishing our Hosta stock plant beds this summer in our shade nursery and you can see them all growing to maturity by



## WATCH THE WATER!

Two tricks for the kitchen: Place a pan under the faucet in the sink to catch the water when people run water for a drink. Also, save the water when you wash and prepare vegetables and fruits for table use, canning or freezing. I dump it into a sprinkling can, and when the can is full I take it outdoors to use on the garden, trees or flowerbeds.

When crops like squash or cukes are planted in a circle or hill, put a stick in the middle and leave it there. Later on, you'll know where to water the main roots among the vines.

(Marilyn Ringleb, Waverly, Iowa)

next spring. {if you can't wait, give me a call and arrange to drop in to see them this summer in their temporary homes}

Bleeding hearts are another super shade plant. Most of you know about the old fashioned Bleeding heart {Dicentra spectabilis} but did you know about the white variety? Not only are there these two varieties but the breeders have given us the short Bleeding Heart which exemia} {Dicentra blooms most of the summer. At our nursery, we grow three varieties of these short versions, the pink, the red, and the white. So you have a choice of 5 varieties Bleeding heart to put into your shade garden.

will Many greenhouses sell the shade loving Lobelia This cardinalis. red flowering native loves the damp, shady spots which kill other plants. Other Lobelias the Lobelia include syphilitica which has two varieties a white and a blue. Both good shade plants, they really like that shady damp spot.

could go on and on these shade lovers about including such plants English Ajuga, violets, Brunnera, Alchemilla, Astilbe, Galium, Cimicifuga simplex and racemosa, not to slight the ferns and shrubs Coral for shade such as berries {both tall and short} but I think that I've used up my space for this month.

There is no lack of good plants for the shade, just look a litle further than the ordinary.

STUDIO PORTRAITS
INSTANT PASSPORT AND
IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS

Miller Photography
and Framing
Elgin, Ontario XOG IEO

(613) 359-6023

The state of the s

CUSTOM AND READY MADE FRAMES



HOMES IN THE AREA

Near Lyndhurst- 3 bdr. bungalow - \$86,000.
Seeleys Bay-3 bdr. in Village -\$74,500.
Morton-renovated 2 bdr. bungalow- \$69,500.
Newboro-2 bdr. starter home- \$33,900.
Elgin-2 bdr. mobile home- \$14,500.
Seeleys Bay-double width mobile home- \$29,900
Elgin-renovated 4 bedroom home- \$59,900.

Clear Lake-Viceroy on Rideau- \$189,500.

Sand Lake-4 bdr. on Rideau- \$89,500.

Upper Rideau-3 bdr.,200' waterfront- \$249,000

Newboro Lake-3 bdr.,fireplace- \$189,000.

Big Rideau Lake-1700 sq.ft.home- \$169,000.

Westport-on the lake- \$180,000.

Cottages on Area Lake
Cranberry lake-near Seeleys Bay- \$85,000.

Bob's Lake-new 2 bdr. -\$69,000.

Big Rideau-executive 5 bdr. -\$235,000.

Buck Lake-open concept, 3 bdr. -\$65,000.

Big Rideau-year round 3 bdr. -\$99,500.

Lower Beverley-unfinished cottage-\$38,000.

Upper Rideau-3 bdr., Westport-\$87,000.

Devil Lake-ready to enjoy-\$85,000.

Lower Beverley-treed, 166'frontage-\$29,000.

Lyndhurst Lake-215' waterfront, 2½ac, -\$29,900.

Whitefish Lake-gentle slope, 1 acre-\$40,000.

Sand Lake-lot on Birch Island-\$11,500.

LoonLake-1½ acre, 200' waterfront-\$57,000.

Rideau-5 acres, 400' waterfront-\$65,900.

Lower Beverley-18' trailer on island-\$15,000.

Sales Representatives —	
Bill Carbino	Elgln 359-5579
Sharon Donnelly	Westport 273-5264
George Wing	Crosby 272-2442
Ken Dobing	Lyndhurst 928-2042
Jim Vanderschult (Assoc. Broker) Portland 272-2701	
Barclay Thompson	Westport 273-2878
Valerie Burns (Assoc. Broker)	Portland 272-2277
Jim Wing	Westport 273-3244
Freda Steele	Westport 273-3052
Ken Burns (Broker) R.P.A	Portland 272-2277
Edgar Connell	- Elgin 359-5753
John McKinley	- Seely's Bay 387-3877
Marg Vandermeer	- Westport 273-5484
Christine Landon, C.R.A.	- Newboro 272-2653
Frank Perrin	
A.A.C.I., F.R.I	Portland 272-2591

## Bruce's Videotaping Service

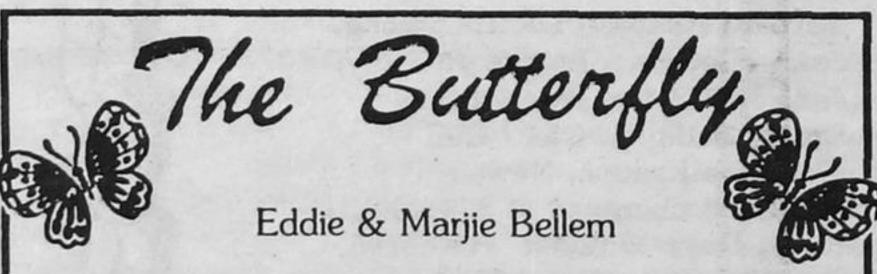
Have the contents of your home and/or cottage videotaped Essential for insurance purposes in case of fire of theft

"A picture is worth a thousand words"

Bruce Merriman

Phone 272-2336

R.R. #1, (Crosby) Elgin, Ontario



TEAROOM, ART GALLERY and QUALITY CRAFTS
by local artists and craftpersons

ORIGINAL YUKON PARKAS and ANORAKS

Tearoom serves Home Baking, Homemade Soup, Tea, Coffee, Juice, etc.

OPEN DAILY EXCEPT MONDAY & TUESDAY

ELGIN, Highway 15 at Chaffey's Lock Rd. 359-1120