

JEMIMA'S GARDEN

This is a busy time in a gardener's house. Seed and nursery catalogues are likely to cover the dining room table with books piled high on convenient chairs because, of course, one probably wants to check more than one source to verify the perfect plant.

There is an interesting and varied selection of new books being added to the shelves of Rideau Lakes Union Library. I'll tell you about some of them. To start at the beginning, there is Garden Design by Kenneth Midgley. This book begins by helping you look at your site and plan for it before any work is done. Then the work is started and as one goes on specific areas are discussed - shrubs for the beginner, rock and water use, ground covers, and maintenance, to name a few areas. Illustrations, both colour and line drawings, are abundant.

The National Trust Book of Gardening by Penelope Hobhouse is a beauty. Different aspects of gardening such as hedges, rose gardens, and rock gardens are discussed and illustrated by using gardens of the National Trust in England. It is a practical book as well as a book for the armchair traveller. Do not be put off by a book because it is about another country and "therefore doesn't apply to Canada". Just think about the point in hand and how it would relate to conditions here,

to conditions here, check a Canadian reference for hardiness and suitability, and we'll widen our horizons. Two excellent books we've had for a while in the library system that I'll remind you of are A-Z of Popular Garden Plants - Editor Alan Titchmarsh - which has clear illustrations, limited descriptions of over 400 plants plus planning and plant health sections, and Canadian Garden Perennials by A.R. Buckley. The latter, in my opinion, is one of the best, with very good descriptions of plants that are hardy in our area. The illustrations are not as clear as in A-Z but the two make good companions.

Specific areas are covered in individual books. Ingwersen's Manual of Alpine Plants gives succinct information about hundreds of plants suitable for rock gardens. No illustrations but such a good book.

Two H.P. books: Annuals; How to Select, Grow and Enjoy by Derek Fell, and Hedges, screens and espaliers by Susan Chamberlain. As with all H.P. gardening books that I've seen these are very good - clear illustrations with descriptions of the plants, recommended varieties, how to grow, and uses, with the plants in alphabetical order.

Our first book in R.L.U.L. system devoted to bulb growing is The Year Round Bulb Garden by Brian Mathew, which looks interesting. It is divided into sections dealing with the bulb garden at different times of the year, so that spring flowering, summer flowering and fall flowering bulbs are discussed in

flowering sequence. The descriptions are enough to make it difficult to limit one's order.

Three very good books on herb growing: Park's Success with Herbs, by Gertrude B. Foster and Rosemary F. Loudon, is a very practical book with clear descriptions of each herb, its culture and its use. There is a good section of starting herbs from seed and one on cooking advice. This is an American book. The Herb Garden, by Sarah Garland, deals extensively with the herb garden itself - its history, planning, constructing the garden, growing the herbs, and concludes with a relatively short section describing individual herbs. This is an English book. The Harrowsmith Illustrated

Book of Herbs, by Patrick Lima and illustrated by Turid Forsyth, is a beautiful thing. It is a chatty book set up in a different style. Because it is about a garden in Central Ontario the information is readily useful to us. Its strong point for me is the illustrations and photographs, which are so clear and so appealing. Why not stop in at your library branch and borrow a book or two?

M. Keates



RIDEAU LAKES UNION LIBRARY NEWS

Newboro

The results of a user survey conducted by the Library Board in co-operation with Newboro Village Council indicated low resident use of the facility. Due to the cost of maintaining the building, Council decided to close the facility but remain with the Union System.

Newboro residents may continue to use the other branches of the Union and have the added benefits of Books By Mail. This service is in the "set-up" stages at this time. Already several Newboro residents have registered and will soon be receiving selection lists.

To further meet the needs of seniors/shut-ins, the Library will be offering a Home Visitation plan. One member is already registered in this program and visits will begin early in February.

If you are a Newboro resident (tax payer) and wish to use either of these direct services, please phone 359-5315 Mondays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register OR return the form mailed out in December to every household. (Additional forms are available from Reeve Jack Murphy)

Elgin

Due to the closing of Newboro Branch and the removal of furnishings and books from the building, Elgin Branch has been in slight chaos for the past 2 weeks. With the assistance of volunteers Sue Duncan, Betty Blackman, Jansje Keates and Susan Keates, the redistribution of the collection was completed in short order.

In addition to the Newboro move, the Children's Room was moved to the larger Reading Room with the office being relocated in the rear section of the Fahey Room. Add to that, the cleaning of all carpets and the addition of a door to permit privacy in the new Meeting/Reading Room, patrons will realize that staff have been very busy. The work is now complete, and apart from some shelf reorganization, things should be returning to normal.

An excellent on-going photographic art display is in place in the Reading Room (courtesy Of C. Carlson) with some fine pieces mounted in the Children's Room. South Crosby Council must be thanked for the recent work done. R. Bentley has completed the work with the addition of a picture rail in the Reading Room and a "mounting shelf" in the Children's Room. Portland School visits are underway and the Branch has gained many new titles from the redistributed collection. A Story Time will begin Feb. 5 (Thursday) for pre-school children.

Clean, quality WATER?

The choice is Clear ...

Water Conditioning Canada Limited

There's nothing more precious than a constant supply of good quality water. Over the years, Water Conditioning Canada Limited has built a strong reputation on its capacity to provide large and dependable volumes of conditioned water to our expanding population.

We supply the growing demands of hospitals, schools, factories, hotels, restaurants and laboratories for commercial and industrial water softeners, carbon and sand filters and deionizers. In every sector of the economy, we've become instrumental in ensuring that today's important water needs are met.



WATER CONDITIONING CANADA LTD.

FRED MAGEE PLUMBING & HEATING
R.R. 2, Portland
272-2103

Glen A. Sweet
Plumbing & Heating, Limited
Box 100, Delta, Ontario KOE-1G0
(613) 928-2655

PLUMBING & HEATING SYSTEMS
SUPPLIED & INSTALLED
IN
NEW OR EXISTING HOMES

Elgin "SNO or NO" WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, January 31/87.....

7:30-10:30a.m. - Pancake Breakfast
South Crosby Fire Dept. at Fire Hall

Lots of Fun Activities
Both on and off the Ice!
including:

1p.m. - Nail Driving/Wood Sawing
1:30 - Guided Cross Country Skiing
Noon & 5p.m. - Shiny Hockey
3 & 9p.m. - Broomball (Juv. & Adult)
2 p.m. - Outdoor Curling
7 p.m. - Costume Judging PLUS

Lots of free Skating
time for all!



Come One
Come All.....
to the
Carnival