

Gardening

with
Marjorie Keates

If you're planting roses this spring and they have arrived and you have the site ready for them wait a day before you plant them. Use this day to soak the bushes. Fill a tub or bucket with water, place the plants in the water and spread out the roots, making sure that the whole root system is immersed. Leave the tub in a cool place in the shade for about 24 hours. If something should delay the planting after the 1st day another day in the water won't hurt the bushes. However, if you're like me and aren't ready to plant the bushes when they arrive and know it might be a week or even two weeks before you can plant them, dig a trench in the garden and lay the rose bushes on their sides and bury the whole plant - roots and top. All the above applies only to bare-root rose bushes - not potted ones - and of course you will have removed all wrappings before soaking or burying.

If you notice this spring that some of your older daffodil clumps are mainly leaves and few flowers this is the year to divide them. Put a marker beside the clump you want to divide and when the leaves have yellowed and pull away easily lift them up gently with a spade and reset in a new location.

When planting raspberries choose your site with great care. Avoid areas where you have previously grown tomatoes, potatoes or peppers. All of these are susceptible to verticillium wilt disease caused by a fungus which remains in the soil for 3 years or more.

Some flowers prefer a shady spot and if you have such a spot here are a few to try - Mimulus: annual - may be lifted in fall for indoor bloom in

pots, vivid yellow or crimson spotted flowers excellent for cutting, needs plenty of moisture. *Nemesia*: annual - beautiful colour range of cream, orange, yellow, crimson, mauve shades, likes moisture and rich earth. *Primula*: spring-flowering perennial - likes cool, loamy soil. Water well. Brilliant jewel-like colours. *Hepatica*-perennial - easy to naturalize, this wild flower if you give it rich woods soil and summer shade - as beautiful, I think, as any of the crocuses, scillas.

Foxglove: tall spikes of shades from white to crimson, some botched and striped forms. Biennial but self-seeds well. Light shade and dry rather than wet soil.

As soon as the soil can be worked without your feet getting muddy is the time to plant lettuce, peas, spinach, radish, turnip, swiss chard, kale, carrots, beets and onions.

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MONDAY - Closed

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6:00 to 9:00
(closed Wed. evening)

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1. Qualified swimming instructress or instructor, must hold instructor's certificate to conduct Red Cross Swimming Programme in the Village of Portland, during the month of July and in the Village of Delta during the month of August.

2. Assistant for the above programme. Must hold Bronze Medallion.

Own transportation must be supplied.

Programme to commence June 23 and end August 15, 1980.

Hourly rate will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit a resume in confidence by May 2, 1980, to Township of Bastard and South Burgess, Box 500, Delta, Ontario. KOE IGO.

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