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more**

For the avid gardener

Use annuals for summer color

There's nothing like a good selection of annual flowers to brighten a summer landscape. These versatile plants are a great source of quick, easy, inexpensive color. Grow them in beds along the foundation of a house, along walks or drives, or in planters and window boxes.

Since flowers often show up best against a dark or contrasting background, University of Delaware Extension garden specialist Dave Tatnall suggests planting them in front of evergreen shrubs, walls or fences.

Annuals make excellent edging plants. In the sun, try ageratum, alyssum, dianthus, dusty miller, marigolds, petunias, phlox, snapdragons, verbenas or zinnias. In the shade use flowering tobacco, coleus, pansies, vinca rosea or everblooming begonias.

Built-in outdoor planters have become popular for porches, apartment balconies, walls and

patios. Annuals for these should be free-flowering and have a long period of continuous bloom. Tatnall suggests marigolds, petunias, salvia, snapdragons, verbenas and zinnias. Tubs and urns made of clay, plastic or redwood can also be used as planters.

In planters, annuals are effective combined with evergreen shrubs, or with each other. Try mixing ageratum, sweet alyssum, begonias, coleus, marigolds, petunias, snapdragons or zinnias.

People who live in townhouses or crowded neighborhoods can enjoy annuals even if they lack garden space. The old fashioned window box is still a good bet. Consider light needs and heat tolerance when selecting plants for this use. Some of the best are sweet alyssum, begonias, coleus, impatiens, nierembergia, petunias, salvia, snapdragons, French marigolds and dwarf zinnias.

Master gardeners plan vegetable meeting

EBENSBURG — Cambria County's Master Gardeners, Cooperative Extension volunteer Staff, will hold an evening gardening meeting Wednesday, July 20, 1983, 8:30 p.m. at the county vegetable plots. (These are located past Laurel Crest Manor, Loretto Road, Ebensburg, follow signs.)

Items to be covered include weed control, mulching, varieties, disease control and other garden management practices. This will be an informal session. And all interested are invited to come to "learn and share" concerning vegetable gardening.

A good garden contributes to the well-being of the family by supplying foods that might not otherwise be provided. Also it has been estimated that the average family can save several hundred dollars annually on food costs by growing and processing their own fruits and vegetables. Gardening also is an interesting hobby, it provides healthful out door exercise, it offers productive activity for handicapped or disabled persons and is an ex-

cellent way to teach children about growth and reproduction. Gardening is an activity where the entire family can work together. It is impossible to measure some of the factors in dollar value.

Successful gardens do not just happen. They are the result of proper planning and planting, good management and careful workmanship. Any garden endeavor you attempt will be only as good as the planning, work, energy, and enthusiasm which you put into it.

The "Master Gardener" program is designed to make available additional help so that more gardeners know the proper management practices. Some of these basic management procedures will be covered in the July 20th meeting.

Don't forget you can get additional help from Cambria County Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners. They are: 1. Charles Pease and 2. Joe Link both of the Ebensburg Center, Rt. 22, Ebensburg - call Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 472-7350 Ext. 577 (Ebensburg

Center). 3. Edward Niemiec, R.D. 1, Box 388, Portage, - call Monday, Tuesday evening 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. 736-8900 (home). 4. Tony Capon R.D.4, Box 405, Ebensburg - call evenings 472-6514 (home). 5. Earl Giraulo 120 W. Lloyd St., Ebensburg.

Please call only at specified times.

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Blair princess

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new spokesperson for the Blair County dairy industry. Luella will take part in the state pageant to be held in Harrisburg in September.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by a "FARMtastic Fashion Show." It was a humorous look at the make believe fashions for farmwives, who must be prepared for anything when living on a farm.

A reception and refreshments followed the crowning of Luella Smith as Blair County Dairy Princess for 1983-84.

Master of ceremonies for the annual event was Douglas Hershey of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. Judges for the evening were Graham Bell, regional farm management agent; Vera Foster, chairman of the Huntingdon County Dairy Promotion Committee; and Zeta Furry Snowberger, 1979 Bedford County Dairy Princess.

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