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screened. If a window, however, is in a guest room or similar low use area of the house, it need not be screened.

One technique is to orient the interest of the space away from the intrusion source. For example, if a neighboring window is on one side of a patio, the design scheme might be oriented so users sit facing a more striking view in the opposite direction. Therefore, the individual is not constantly facing the perceived or real intrusion of a neighboring window.

The degree of privacy desired varies from person to person. Each situation is unique. Landscape architects and designers work daily sorting out a property for good or bad features. When plants are suggested for a privacy barrier, plan for any future growth potential of the plants that are used.

If a gardener is willing to wait several years, it is possible to grow a privacy fence. Sometimes referred to as a windbreak, these living fences consist of rows of evergreen trees. They protect exposed homes from severe wind, road noise or road fumes. Evergreens for outside rows might include colorado blue spruce, douglas fir, white spruce or white fir. Tall evergreens for inside rows include hemlock, white pine, red pine, Austrian pine, or Norway spruce.

For immediate privacy, fencing, trellises, walls, etc. can be blended into an existing landscape with the help of shrubs. They include forsythia, honeysuckle, viburnums and others.

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PRIVACY IN THE LANDSCAPE

Is it possible to grow privacy?

Gardeners can plant or construct fencerows, landscape beds, barriers and fences to create complete or partial privacy for their backyard. Fencerows create a "near natural" barrier but only offer partial privacy. For complete privacy, privacy fencing provides screening looking in and out of the backyard. Fences offer the added benefit of restricting access to the yard through gates, doors, etc.

Complete privacy restricts all views in and out of the property. Essentially, a person outside a private yard cannot see anything inside. Gardeners and new homeowners may initially want complete privacy when designing their landscape. But, over time, partial screening may be all that's really needed.

In addition, walls, trees and shrubs can obstruct views in or out of a property. Unfortunately, complete barriers also obstruct air movement, decreasing the overall comfort when using the landscape in the summer.

Fortunately, most residential properties have one or more good views from their home while learning to live with one or more points of visual intrusion. A visual intrusion might be neighbor's window looking onto your patio or even a pleasant view like a park or golf course.

These points of visual intrusion may be minor annoyances or may become headaches as your use of your backyard increases in the summertime. Fortunately, points of intrusion rarely fill the entire circumference of the backyard.

Often, obscuring an intrusion point into your property may mean excluding more pleasant views looking out a window of your home. With this in mind, an alternate solution in establishing partial privacy using landscape beds with trees and shrubs.

A trellis surrounding a porch or deck offers partial privacy. Use the trellis to hide a neighbor's window or door or even service areas with trash cans or a cluttered yard. Rather than placing the trellis around the entire perimeter, open portions allow you to enjoy the best views on your property. This allows you to design special landscape features on your property to be enjoyed all year round.

Some features in a landscape always need screened out. A heavily traveled roadway is never desirable to keep in view from a patio while a sidewalk may or may not be worth keeping in your line of sight. The same rationale can be applied to neighboring windows on adjacent properties. If such windows are extensively used by neighbors they probably should be

Jan Seiss Is Frederick County Dairy Princess

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WOODSBORO, Md.** — The newest Frederick County dairy princess likes dairy cows so much that she has a job away from home milking them. Jen Seiss, the 18 year-old daughter of Glenn and Nancy Seiss, Rocky Ridge, lives on a beef farm, but milks cows each day at a neighboring dairy farm. Jen was crowned as the Frederick County dairy princess here by outgoing dairy princess Emily O'Hara at the 37th Frederick County dairy princess coronation, held at the fire hall.

Two other contestants were named as alternate dairy princesses. Mary Ropp, the 17 year-old daughter of Ralph and Rebecca Ropp of Middletown, was a runner-up in the contest and will serve as an alternate dairy princess. Crystal Smith, the 16 year-old daughter of Wayne and Cathy Smith of Jefferson, was also a runner-up, and will serve as an alternate. Both girls will help to promote milk and the dairy industry throughout the upcoming year.

Jen Seiss said she plans on using her title to help people understand how important milk and dairy products are. In response to a fishbowl question about what she would say if she were invited to speak to elementary school students, she said, "I'd probably take samples of milk, 1%, 2%, whole, and chocolate milk, because lots of kids like chocolate milk. I'd show them where milk comes from, show them the importance of milk, and where we would be if we didn't have it."

Jen lives on a beef farm in Rocky Ridge, but her interest in dairy has led to a part-time job on a nearby dairy farm, Janessa Holsteins, where she milks 175 registered Holsteins. She also owns five cows herself. She plans to continue milking, following her graduation from Catocin High School this June.

At school Jen has been an active FFA member since 1994. She has served as junior treasurer and treasurer, and participated in numerous contests. She

is also a member of the Iron Cougars powerlifting team.

She is very excited about her reign as dairy princess, and is looking forward to the opportunities it will give her to work with young people. "I want to try to educate young people more about milk and what products come from milk," said the enthusiastic princess.

The evening event also introduced seven young ladies who will be very busy promoting milk and may themselves one day become dairy princesses—the 1998 dairy maids. Serving as dairy maids for Frederick County during the upcoming year will be Sherry Albaugh, daughter of Theodore and Kathy Albaugh; Sadah Bentz, daughter of Thomas and JoAnn Bentz; Kelly Burrier, daughter of Kenneth and Robin Burrier; Janell Guyton, daughter of Wilmer and Joann Guyton; Andrea Hood, daughter of Denis and Nancy Hood; Laura Sigler, daughter of Robert and Daphne Sigler; and Jessica Valentine, daughter of Mike and Denise Valentine.



Jen Seiss

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