

Ida's Notebook

by
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This year our sunflowers are three different colors. They have names like "Lemon Eclair," "Sunset" and "Sunrise." And, they range in color from yellow to gold to mahogany. We hope the birds will enjoy the seeds.

I've been pruning some shrubbery and have discovered that it can be used for decoration by a committee decorating for my high school reunion. They will need se-

veral hundred sprigs of two kinds of holly. A third kind, that we have around our front porch, is covered with red berries this year. Some years there are only a few berries for the birds to eat and for me to use as decorations.

Speaking of decorations, this year I planted four kinds of strawflowers and I've been hanging them up to dry. Some of the maroon ones look nice in a red glass

vase with honesty or money plant on the dining room table.

My husband has been working hard to help me start a new iris bed. He bought old railroad ties and dug them in at the base of a big hill. One obstacle that we had to overcome was the activities of our cats at nighttime — they scratched the bare roots out of the ground. So, he covered the plot with fencing and posts.

This year our peaches and our pears rotted on the trees. And, our cherry trees lost their leaves after the fruit was picked. Next year we shall have to do more spraying. Working with imperfect fruit makes one appreciate perfect fruit. It seems that you don't have anything without a lot of effort.

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