

Ida's Notebook

by

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Due to the plentiful moisture this summer, there are many kinds of flowers blooming at our house. When I look out the windows, on any side of the house, I see flowers.

The front corner of our yard has a pink and white rose of sharon bush that is covered with blooms. Next comes a few straggly hollyhocks and then some tiger lilies. The rose bed is next followed by a bed of calendulas. In this bed are my saffron bulbs which will only appear in October. But, I keep the ground weeded all year as they are special. Saffron is one of the most expensive spices. My daughter in Atlanta keeps me supplied with the dried, red stigmas.

My garden does not have only vegetables but also an array of flowers. Usually they are assigned a corner of the garden,

but this year, when a row of beans did not come up, I put in a long row of pink and red cosmos. As they were planted late, I'm hoping they won't get so tall.

Behind our house is a big hill and here are several flower beds. One has iris, one has day lilies and the other is planted with an assortment of bulbs. This morning the cannas are topped with enormous red blossoms. And next to them are several elephant ear plants.

My husband put stakes around the golden glow flowers as this group is at least seven-feet tall. The purple phlox in front of them are quite striking in appearance.

Along the road are a few red geraniums and one white one in a small grouping around two large stones. I think my flowers are every color of the rainbow.



Fashion revue winners top, left to right, Jennifer Uhrin, Dana Schrantz, Sherry Marie Tucker, Rachael Risser and Mathew Reichard. Front, left to right, Amanda May, Carolyn Hafer, Stephanie Hale, Heather Will, and Aleecha Jones.

4-H'ers Named To Honors Group At State 4-H Fashion Revue

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Fifty-seven regional finalists modeled outfits constructed as part of their 4-H textile science projects, Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the Eisenhower Auditorium on Penn State's University Park Campus.

Stephanie Hale, 16, daughter of David and Lorin Johnson of Saltzburg, received the top score and was selected to participate in the 2000 National 4-H Fashion Revue at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 24-28. She made and modeled a gown of pink taffeta that featured a bustle and a gold, organza wrap.

Special honors went to nine other Pennsylvania contestants based on their exceptional construction skill, fit, appropriateness, modeling, and poise.

Dana Schrantz, 18, of Bethlehem, Heather Will, 15, of Somerset, and Sherry Marie Tucker, 18, of Venetia also made and mod-

eled gowns.

Amanda May, 16, of Industry, made and modeled a four-piece classic outfit with pea coat, sailor pants, a navy beret and red fleece scarf with hand-stitched blanket stitch.

Mathew Reichard, 14, of Waynesboro, made and modeled a herringbone wool jacket, cranberry shirt, and corduroy slacks. Aleecha Jones, 16, of Loysburg, made a suit and coat of 100 percent wool. Rachael Risser, 17, of Middleburg, made and modeled a plaid top and skirt with a diagonal yoke. Carolyn Hafer, 18, of Lansdale modeled a cotton damask sun dress and Jennifer Uhrin, 14, made and modeled a powder blue dress and jacket combination.

The 2001 state revue will be July 25 in Eisenhower Auditorium.



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