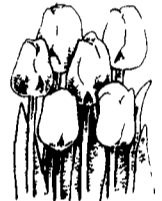


Penn State Garden Forum

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Even Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences can't really confer a green thumb, but in a Garden Forum May 31 horticulturists will provide all the information one needs to develop his or her own.

The all-day, consumer-oriented conference will feature how-to sessions on container gardening, growing roses, water gardening, herbaceous and woody perennials, and using photography and color in the garden. Expert instructors at the forum will include Anne O'Neill, curator of roses at Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and Dan Benarcik, horticulturist at Chanticleer Gardens.

The fee for the Garden Forum is \$85 and includes morning refreshments, lunch, and instructional materials. To get a registration form or more information, contact Kathy Kelley at (814) 863-0918 or Pennsylvania State University, 102 Tyson Building, University Park, PA 16802. Or you can download a registration form from the horticulture department's Website at hortweb.cas.psu.edu.



Ida's Notebook

by
Ida Risser



The beginning of May and all the flowers are blooming.

When I was a teenager, my six sisters and I planned a "May Day." Each year a different girl had the opportunity to be crowned queen. She wore a pret-

ty cape and a crown and held a big bouquet of flowers. Then it was time to get the camera and record the event. We copied what was done at our high school and had a lot of fun doing it.

Most of my garden was planted the other week as a son and

grandson rototilled it for me. This year I planted white onions instead of yellow ones. I hope that I won't be sorry as I've heard they do not keep as well. The yellow ones were packaged in a very large package and I did not need a bushel or two of onions. Our son mowed part of our large yard, and my husband did some.

As our son and his family had come a great distance, I made a nice meal of spare ribs for them with some fresh asparagus. They didn't guess the fruit in the desert correctly as it was apples and cranberries and not cherries.

The other day I broke my good, old hoe as I weeded the strawberry bed. We shall only have a few berries as the bed of plants is quite old. Maybe our son

can weld the hoe for me. One can get attached to a tool after many years of using it.

My husband can get around the house — maybe too good. He stumbled over a block of wood in the garage and really banged up his face. The skin came off of his nose and he had a big bump on his forehead. The nosebleed lasted for hours but he is recovering okay.

Editor's note: Several readers have expressed interest in sending get-well cards to Ida's husband, Allen. Lancaster Farming would be glad to forward your cards and letters to Ida's attention. Send them to Lou Ann Good, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522 and we will be glad to forward them. Thank you.



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