1961

Horticulture, Flowers to Grow... Or to Go

Karen Neilsen

Iowa State University

Follow this and additional works at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker

Part of the Home Economics Commons

Recommended Citation

Neilsen, Karen (1961) "Horticulture, Flowers to Grow... Or to Go," The Iowa Homemaker: Vol. 41 : No. 1 , Article 3.
Available at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker/vol41/iss1/3

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Publications at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Iowa Homemaker by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
Ann Tiffany, H. Ed 4, decides to take a study break by browsing through the horticulture display room where many unusual plants and foliage are grown.

Horticulture: Flowers to Grow . . . Or to Go

by Karen Neilsen, H. Ed. 1

Avid gardeners are in the midst of planting. Some students are thinking up ingenious ways of livening up their rooms with the spirit of the season, others are meandering along campus paths searching for the annual signs that spring has arrived. Then there are those who have caught the fever of the season and just can't get around to seeing all the possibilities for spring. Whether or not you are a victim of the desire to over-relax, you might like to find the offerings of nature in an easy way.

Taking a few minutes to go through the horticulture buildings and greenhouses will solve your problem. Plants of all types line the paths, and there is that certain fragrance which cannot be described.

For students really interested in what "that big red flower" is, the University offers a course listed as Horticulture 146 – Floriculture. This deals with the principles and methods of growing house plants and garden flowers successfully. Included, in the class is instruction in the arrangement of cut flowers.

You’re POSITIVE you don’t have the talent to grow your own? There's a solution for that problem too. Across from the Agronomy building is the horticulture salesroom. Surplus cut flowers and plants which are raised in the greenhouses but which are not used for teaching or research are sold at cost. Carnations, roses, snapdragons, mums, daisies, jonquils are good flowers to add a dash of color to a spring ensemble, brighten a room, or fulfill your desire for a little gaiety. More lasting spring greenery can be found along with begonias, geraniums, and small potted plants.

Floriculture is not all that the Horticulture Department offers. Vegetable Production is concerned with growing methods and improvement of techniques in this area. A major in this phase would lead to jobs such as plant breeder, seedsmen, or canner. Fruit growing courses would enable graduates to take jobs as managers of orchards, producers for canners, or workers in the improvement of fruit varieties.

The new trend in garden centers ties in closely with the fourth field of horticulture – Nursery Management; and the newest area, Turf Management, has resulted from the increased leisure time of the American public. Job opportunities in this field would be connected with management of golf courses, playing fields, and recreational areas.

Horticulture is a subject which has wide appeal. It provides professional opportunities, and it also offers much to those who wish to remain "just amateurs."

Ann completes her tour of the green house in the salesroom as she purchases carnations from Norma Jane Morgan.