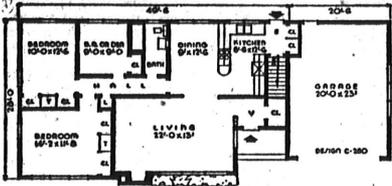




# THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN



A SMALL HOUSE PLANNING BUREAU DESIGN NO. C-280



**DESIGN C-280.** This ranch type house has a large living room with fireplace and picture window, connected to dining room by means of modern-fold doors. There is a full basement and a double garage attached.

Storage space consists of wardrobe closets with built-in trays in the large bedrooms, linen cabinet, walk-in vestibule closet and coat and supply closets in the rear entry.

Exterior finish includes stone chimney and planting area, vertical redwood in the entrance recess, shingle siding and asphalt shingle roof. Floor area is 1,291 sq. ft. and cubage is 24,829 cu. ft. not including garage.

For further information about DESIGN C-280, write the Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn. In Canada, the Small House Planning Bureau of Canada, St. John, New Brunswick.

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## Proflic Pansies Popular The Whole Year Through

Few flowers come close to the pansy as the leader in popularity of modern bedding plants. According to the California Bedding Plant Advisory Board, pansies continue to hold top popularity with little competition year after year. Little wonder when one views a beautiful bed of prize-winning plants at a garden show competition, but the question still remains of how to develop like blooms in the regular home garden environment.

Actually, there is little that remains in the way of a secret to successful growing of exhibition quality pansy plants. Of course, quality seed must be chosen and most commercial growers are very meticulous on this point. Cost of seed is of secondary importance.

The primary thing is to secure the very best seed obtainable, for the flower can never be any better than the strain of seed that is planted. Secondly, rapid unchecked growth must be maintained until the plants are ready for sale in retail nurseries and this, too, has



become a carefully watched procedure to the point that most commercial growers today offer perfectly grown stock to their retailer trade. At this point, the home gardener or estate gardener takes over the care of the pansy plants and here again certain procedures must be followed through for best results.

**Like-Cool Soil**  
Pansies like a cool soil that is porous and well mixed with a good organic humus. They require abundant phosphate for good root development such as is supplied by bone meal or superphosphate. During the winter season, they thrive in full sun although as the days lengthen they will tolerate more shaded conditions. Drainage should be excellent and the soil surface should be lightly cultivated at two week intervals or after each heavy rainfall.



**QUEEN OF FLOWER SHOW**... Lovely Maria English has been selected to reign over the California International Flower Show opening March 11 at Hollywood Park. Maria is one of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses, under contract to Paramount Studios. Currently she is feminine lead in "Desert Sands" in Technicolor. The spectacular floral extravaganza will remain open every day from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. through Sunday, March 20.

## Snapdragons Provide Many Bouquets During Blooming

### BOUQUETS BY THE ARMFUL! PLANT A FEW PLANTS OF SNAPS!

Today's home gardener is fortunate indeed in the wealth of plant material that is available for home beautification, but in the midst of new introductions many of the old favorites still hold their own on the basis of past performance. Some of these old favorites have gained new stature because of startling improvements that have been made on them. One plant which fits into this group is the Snapdragon, an oldtime favorite for years on end. Today with the introduction of new Tetra hybrid Snapdragons there is a new interest shown in this fine old favorite that is amazing. To those gardeners who still have not planted out a flat of Tetra Snapdragons in some sunny, well-drained flower bed located in a prominent spot in the garden, there is a thrill of achievement awaiting.

Tetra Snapdragons are a short stocky cousin of the older garden varieties with a thick husky flower spike that rules out the need for staking. The flowers are thicker set upon the stem and with a size that is truly astounding by old standards. While color range is more limited, most of the colors are available in solid flats for the color planner. In a general mixture there will be a predominance of apricot and copper tones along with a scattering of white, yellow, pink, salmon, rose and crimson.

The California Bedding Plant Advisory Board suggests that in planting Tetra Snaps, care should be taken in the selection of the transplants, as they will never develop into show quality unless the starts are in a good state of growth. For this reason the transplants should be a strong growing with a plump stem that snaps off cleanly when bent double. If the main stem is woody, and the leaves are dull and off color, the plants have suffered a check and should not be planted. This



rules out plants that have had their centers pinched out as they have been in such a good state of growth that they have been nipped to cause them to branch out laterally. Indeed such plants will offer a head start in blooming time and are actually at a peak of readiness for garden use.

At this time of year we are entering into the season of transition to warm weather plants and so will find an increasing number of plants that can be worked into our garden scheme.

## Plant-A-Tree Week Promoted

Governor Goodwin J. Knight has asked the people of California to observe "Plant A Tree Week" March 1-7 and expressed hope that during this period individual home owners will "plant trees in their yard and... promote the planting of added trees in local parks as well as streets and roads."

The Governor states, "throughout our State's history, its trees have been among the most outstanding features which have made its natural attractions world famous. In recent years, the growth and expansion of our State has created a great many new communities. This progress has necessitated the removal of large numbers of trees."

Stating he felt certain that "my fellow Californians will recognize the great value of such activity and give these projects

the support which they deserve," Governor Knight said that "Plant A Tree Week" will serve as an appropriate preliminary to Conservation Week, March 7-14, March 7, which is the birthday of the great California naturalist, Luther Burbank, is traditionally observed as Arbor Day with special emphasis is placed upon the planting of new trees to enhance the beauty and preserve the resources of our State, he said.

Week Proclaimed  
In proclaiming Conservation Week, Governor Knight stated: "The people of no nation or generation have the right to selfishly exploit the blessings of the earth which are theirs to enjoy. We inherit these things as a sacred trust, to be wisely used and passed on to those who will come after us as part of their heritage. The present security and future well-being of our Republic depends upon constructive long range planning for the maintenance of productive soil, the husbanding of water supplies, replenishing plant life, protection of our mineral and petroleum resources, and the propagation of fish and wild life."

## County Garden Camelia Blooms Thrill Hundreds

The month of March this year should bring forth a beautiful production of millions of new var-colored camelia blooms at Los Angeles County's Descanso Gardens in La Canada where 48,000 camelia bushes of many varieties have been in the full flowering record-breaking crowds at the Descanso First Annual Camelia Festival, according to Gardens Superintendent John Threlkeld.

Threlkeld said that visitors to the Descanso Camelia Fete during March will be privileged to enjoy some of the Gardens' most glorious camelias. Garden patrons who attended the opening weeks of the festival in February have stated they intend to return in March to see the opening of blooms they observed in their early formation, he added. "Many of the Descanso camelia bushes are naturally late in opening their blooms," Threlkeld said. "Also, the recent cold nights have delayed other seasonal blooms which will come out in due time."

Threlkeld said he made his announcement to acquaint the public with the fact that Descanso Gardens will continue to remain open daily throughout the year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. after the end of the Camelia Festival, which has been in progress since Feb. 12.

"Descanso Gardens will continue to maintain its enchantment to visitors all the year 'round, even after the last camelia has dropped from its bush late in the spring," Threlkeld advised. "Other floral attractions and special events will take their places in public interest this year as the growing season moves ahead."

## Stock Gives Spring Show Of Fragrance

A successful planting of stock is a joy to behold and a valid reason for the steady popularity of this very acceptable bedding plant. Combined with a long blooming period and a heavy mass of color is a heavenly breath of fragrance that is spicy and sweet but not overpowering in its scent.

Success with stock is dependent upon following a few simple rules. First, the seedling plant should be in a good state of growth as stunted plants will never develop correctly. Soil should be loose and well drained and preferably slightly alkaline. Location should be sunny and with a south or west exposure is planted against a fence, wall or building. Immediately after planting, the soil should be pressed firmly around each plant and a thorough watering given. Watering should be by thorough soaking with the water directed at the roots of the plants. Overhead sprinkling will tend to topple the plants as they develop. Later as the plants develop they will stretch out one central stem. When this stem is about six to seven inches tall it should be snapped halfway to cause a branching out from the base. This will give a profusion of short sturdy stems and a longer season of bloom than if the single stem was allowed to develop.

## Garden Chats TV Show To Give Pruning Tips

Joe Littlefield will show viewers how to go about pruning camelias and fuchsias on this week's telecast of "Garden Chats" Sunday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m. over KTLA, Channel 5. Joe plans on showing viewers how, when and why they should prune for this garden "operation."

## GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

By The California Association of Nurserymen

1. There is still time to set in bare root roses and fruit trees.
2. Have trouble with your berries last year? Perhaps the trouble was Himalayan blackberry mist— which can be controlled now by spraying. Your nurseryman will be glad to suggest the proper spray.
3. Hardy bedding plants can be set in now. If frost continues in your area wait before planting warm weather flowers and vegetables such as egg plants, tomatoes, peppers, and asters, zinnias and cinerarias.
4. A balanced fertilizer will make your lawn turn green and vigorous in ten days.



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