

Dinner Dance Pictures



Ray & Jean Schmitz with Jerry & Nancy Christ



Frank & Frances Krueger with Jean & Ed Stewart



Geri & Don Ferriri



Sue & Rich Wilson



Dave & Cheryl Loutitt



Carolyn Goodman with Mr. & Mrs. Bill Leahy

Cornell Defaces Evergreens With "Ugly Mix" to Thwart Christmas Tree Thieves!

Cornell University News

Reasoning that a temporarily ugly tree is better than none at all, Cornell University horticulturists paint evergreens pink and deter thieves with a non-toxic "Ugly Mix" they invented.

'Tis the season to be wary, many homeowners with attractive trees in their yards are dismayed to discover each year. Cornell, with hundreds of valuable evergreen trees in its 67 acre arboretum and a host of holiday-spirited neighbors, had a larger problem than most. Until Cornell horticulturist Gerado Sciarro invented Ugly Mix, that is. The sloppy paint is not toxic. It's not permanent or patented or hard to make. It's just ugly.

To make enough pink Ugly Mix for several trees, combine two gallons of warm tap water, twenty ounces of hydrated lime, four ounces of Wiltpruf (plant conditioner available from gardening stores) and two ounces of red food coloring. Actually, any color will do, so long as it's not too close to the trees' natural green or blue hue. Orange is a good ugly one. The idea is to make trees look too sick to steal.

Ugly Mix should be applied with brush or sprayer when the weather is dry and temperatures are above freezing. The stuff takes about half an hour to dry, so it will wash right off if it's already raining or snowing. And if it's too cold, the mix will freeze as soon as it's applied to the tree and then fall off when the temperature rises.

Left alone, Ugly Mix will disappear with the elements in a couple of months. Homeowners in a hurry can wash the mix off with a hose after the holidays. The ingredients, particularly the lime, are good for the soil.

The inventor of Ugly Mix has only one warning: Don't wait too long. This year the University dallied until the first week of December and lost hundreds of dollars in trees to thieves.

Credit: Gro News

The Ohio State University Golf Course Maintenance Short Course

The fourth annual OSU Golf Course Maintenance Short Course will be conducted from January 15 through 19, 1990 at the Parke Hotel in Columbus, OH. This short course will provide general and basic information on golf-turfgrass maintenance. Emphasis will be placed on principles of agronomy, entomology and plant pathology. The short course is designed for all golf course personnel including golf course employees, foremen, assistant superintendents and superintendents seeking a more formalized training in the basics of golf-turfgrass maintenance. Attendees will qualify for recertification credits from the Ohio Department of Agriculture for Licensed Pesticide Applicators. The registration fee is \$350.00. The deadline to register is December 11, 1989 or until 50 applications are received. Lodging facilities are available at the Parke Hotel or other hotels in the area. For more information, please contact Sue White at 614-292-7457 for course content, or the Department of Conferences and Institutes at 614-292-4230 for course registration.