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SHADY AREAS CAN BE AN ASSET

Shade tends to be a problem in gardens. Few plants like shady areas and it is difficult to get grass to grow on the north side of buildings. In some of the older neighborhoods the beautiful trees create dense shade so that growing anything beneath them is not easy.

The problem is often solved by using annuals such as Impatiens, Begonias or even Coleus which have to be planted each year.

However, there are many perennial plants which tolerate shade or even need shade to grow well. Some are wildflowers which normally are found deep in the woods. Common Violets, and Lily-of-the-Valley make good ground cover in shade and provide flowers. Vinca minor, Pachysandra and English Ivy, are well adapted to shade, as in Variegated Goutweed and Aegopodium.

Platain lily, Hosta, Daylily and Hemerocallis were also favorites of our grandmothers, but are again popular as excellent shade plants. Hostas bloom faithfully year after year with little if any sun, and virtually no care. A variegated form is particularly attractive in very shady areas.

Daylilies, while content in sun do nicely in shade. They are extremely hardy and have become naturalized along fence rows and woodlots, and even in many tough places where little else will grow. Many varieties are available in a range of colors.

For wildflowers, try Trillium, both red and white, Squills, False Solomon's Seal and Bleeding Heart. For a pleasant year-round effect with a spring surprise, plant the area with ground cover and interplant some spring wild flowers such as Blue Crested Iris, Grape Hyacinth or even Daffodils.

A quick trip to the Morton Arboretum can give you many more ideas for planting a shady spot.

Use your imagination. You might well turn a problem area into a very attractive asset.

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Send cards to past president Paul Voykin who will be in Lake Forest hospital Sept. 25 for back surgery. The surgery will consist of using the revolutionary new "tenderizing" method of inserting an enzyme into the area of the herniated disc. The operation will be performed by the famed Dr. Henry Apfebleach. Best of luck Paul and don't do anything funny, like going on a seven-day fast again.

THERE ARE BONES AND BONES

Someone has said that membership in every Association is made up of four kinds of bones:

1. There are the wish bones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. There are the jaw bones who do all the talking but very little else.
3. Next there are the knuckle bones who knock everything that anyone ever tries to do.
4. And finally there are the back bones who get under the load and do the work.