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## SPRING SHOWERS AND MAY FLOWERS

A sunshining spring day! Birds singing - flowers blooming - a perfect day for a drive in the park. Upon entering the green gates of nature, we are surrounded by numerous trees, shrubs and flowers which enhance our view of the park club house.

Nothing is more appealing to the eye when Mother Nature, together with man-made talents transform a seasonal club house into a palace of flowering beauty.

With the many varieties of flowers, shrubs, flowering trees and that special ingredient, imagination, we are mesmerized by the beauty of the outdoor decor. These are the basic components in preparing flower beds. The results are always worthwhile with the proper care and consideration.

Begin planning the area prior to planting time, keeping in mind locality and the size of the flower bed. Full sunlight is a necessity for most flowers. There are some that prefer partial sunlight and there are still others that do well under both conditions.

Some of the early spring flowers stem from bulbs, tubers and corms such as crocus, scillas, narcissis (Daffodils) and tulips. In mid-spring, we have flowering trees



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(malus) as well as shrubs (forsythis) and a number of others. And in the latter spring, we have the all time favorite, the annuals.

There are two ways of preparing flower beds. The traditional way consists of a good grade of top soil mixed with an abundance of humus so that it is easy to work with the soil. And the purr-wick method which consists of all sand. As I understand, the purr-wick method produced three potatoes that filled a ten-pound sack. This is all well and good for the LAND OF THE GIANTS, but we, who live in the LAND OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE, prefer our flowers to be of normal size.

A word of caution when planting flower beds. It is never too wise to construct a flower bed that is bigger than ones own appetite to maintain or care for same.

Remember - next year is bicentennial - THINK FLOWERS!

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