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HOME AND GARDEN SLIDE SETS

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Sets of 2 x 2 colored slides have been assembled on the subjects listed below. These are designed to serve as program material for Extension Agents, garden clubs, general interest meetings, civic clubs, leader training sessions, or high school horticulture classes.

Each slide set has 20 to 40 slides, with comment sheets which describe the plant, production procedure, or landscape gardening features being illustrated. When presented with some discussion by the program chairman and members of the group, each set is ample for a typical 30 to 45 minute program.

Slide sets on the following 32 titles are available, grouped under five general headings.

#### GARDENING

Annual Flowers	Vegetable Varieties for the Home Garden
Flower Beds and Borders	Vegetable Garden Planting and Culture
Spring Flowering Bulbs	Vegetable Garden Soil: Chart Lecture
Herb Culture and Use	Dwarf Apples on a Fence
Strawberry Culture	Tree Fruits in the Home Garden
	Raspberry, Blueberry and Grape Culture

#### GREENHOUSE AND HOUSE PLANTS

House Plants	Starting Early Plants
Plant Propagation	Constructing a Small Plastic Greenhouse

#### LANDSCAPING

Landscaping the Home	Ground Covers in the Landscape
Landscape for Outdoor Living	Rock Gardens
Landscape with Trees	Water Gardens and Pools
Landscape for Year-Round Interest	

#### SHRUBS & TREES: SELECTION AND CARE

Azaleas for the Garden	Pruning Shrubs and Trees
Roses for Landscaping & Cut Flowers	

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Exhibiting & Judging Flowers	Careers in Horticulture
Flower Arranging for the Home	Wild Flowers of Virginia
Flower Arranging for Christmas	Judging Fruits & Vegetables
Dried Flowers and Arrangements	

Slide sets to be used by people other than extension personnel should be borrowed through the Extension Agent in your county or city, or may be sent directly to the user from the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech if this is more convenient.

The slide sets are to be returned to the Extension Agent or the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech on the day following their use.

## The Use of Slide Sets

Slides may add interest to a program, increase the amount of information which can be covered, and improve the understanding of the subject by the audience. However, the use of slides alone will not guarantee that the presentation will be effective, or that the meeting will be a success.

The person using a slide set must review them carefully before presenting them at a meeting. Read the comments which relate to each slide to become familiar with the main points being portrayed. Be sure you understand thoroughly the practice or item of information being illustrated. A program may be ruined if slides are used, and the speaker cannot explain how the pictures relate to the topic being discussed.

Be prepared to tell your audience how each slide relates to the local situation. If possible, use some slides from local sources which will make the presentation more interesting and timely. Each slide should make a specific contribution to the topic being discussed, and not be used merely to show an attractive picture.

The Home & Garden Slide Sets have been assembled to present information in a relatively logical manner. However, the sequence may be changed, and some slides omitted, or local slides inserted to ensure the most effective use for a particular meeting. When this is done, check marks or new numbers should not be placed on the slides or comment sheets. Any notes to be used during the presentation of the program should be made on separate sheets of paper or cards.

Allow each picture to remain on the screen long enough for the audience to understand the message it is intended to illustrate. Make positive descriptive comments, and encourage discussion by the group if this seems appropriate. A set of 30 or 40 slides is ample for a typical 30 or 45 minute program. The use of too many slides, hurriedly displayed may result in a very ineffective presentation.

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