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## WINDOW AND VERANDAH

Brightened With Flower Boxes and Hanging Baskets.

The Boxes Must Be Strong and Durable—The Soil Should Be Kept Rich and Well Watered - Hints on Arrangement of Plants.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Window boxes should be made strong and durable. Each box should be nine or ten inches wide at top and bottom, seven or eight inches deep inside measurements, of a suitable length to fit the window, not over four feet in length, made of one-inch dressed lumber, and when finished, painted a dull green color. Half-inch holes should be bored about six inches apart through the bottom of the box for drainage pur-Verandah boxes should be poses.

about the some measurements. A large iron screw eye, or iron staple, should be put at each top, outside (front) corner of the window boxes A strong piece of wire should be attached to these long enough to attach to another screw eye or staple placed in the window frame about a foot higher up than top of box, so that the box can be fastened securely in position. Boxes and barrels may be made more artistic and rustic looking by nailing moss and fungi covered bark, of native trees, on the outside. This not only adds to their attractiveness but also helps to keep the plants moist and cool at the roots in summer time. The bark from Basswood, Elm, Cedar or Birch trees will be found suitable. By the exercise of a little taste and originality, very pretty boxes can be made at slight cost. Verandah boxes and rustic stands can be made in something the same way. One of the prettiest rustic stands I have ever seen was made from the lower half of a sugar barrel, reinforced by a thickness of half-inch board nailed on the bottom of the barrel outside to strenthen it, with three-quarter inch holes bored through for drainage purposes.

Hanging Baskets. Wire hanging baskets lined with green moss or sphagnum moss are very effective, especially for a sunny position. The clay baskets dry out very quickly and are better suited for a shady position than a sunny

Soil. The soil for window boxes must be rich in fertilizers if the best results are to be obtained. It is a sults are to be obtained. It is a good plan to put an inch in depth of well rotted barnyard manure, or dry cow manure, near the bottom of each box, before filling it up with the prepared soil. About an inch in depth of soil may be placed in the bottom of the box first, and the fertilizers named spread over it, or about half a pound of bone meal may be used as a substitute for the first named fertilizers. These fertilizers will help sustain plant growth late in the season when the soil has become exhausted. One part sand, one part leaf mould (black soil from the bush) and seven or eight parts of light loamy soil well mixed, with two parts of either of the fertilizers named parts of either of the fertilizers nam

ed added, will make a good soil for window boxes, rustic stands, etc. The best time to fill window boxes is when they are to be placed in posi-tion toward the end of May or early in June. The boxes may be set in position and well secured, before they

are filled with soil or plants, as they are heavy and difficult to set in position when filled. Arrangement of Plants.

Tall growing plants should be placed at the back of the box nearest the window. Dwarf plants and trail-ing plants should then be put around the front and ends of the box. Any the front and ends of the box. Any space between these in the centre of the box should be filled with medium height plants. It is a good plan to first fill the box nearly level full with with soil, then stand the plants on the surface where they are to be planted finally. By doing this the plants can be changed about and rearranged, and a good idea of the arrangement and effect desired can be obtained before finally planting them. For color effect, for instance, too much of any one color, especially the heavier colors, should not be placed in any one part of the box, placed in any one part of the box, whether of dwarf or tall plants, as there would not then be a proper balance of color, something that would detract from the effect considerably. By standing the plants on the surface of the soil before planting as mentioned, any charge requiring the surface of the soil before planting as mentioned, any change required can be easily made. Use bright colored plants mainly whether of foliage or flowers, and if possible, make use of good sized plants. Boxes filled as described at the time of setting out, will do much better than boxes filled indoors early in the season. Boxes filled very early indoors, often get shabby as soon as they are set out, and sometimes become nosiset out. and sometimes become posi-

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Window boxes, etc., require copious and frequent waterings everyday, or at least every second day, especially during hot weather. The soil should be well soaked with water when watering the boxes. Toward the end of the season, in July and August, some liquid fertilizer may be given the plants.—The late Wm. Hunt, O. A. College, Guelph.

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# **GROWING SWEET PEAS**

Getting the Very Best From This Beautiful Flower.

Location and Soil Suggested—Early Sowing Desirable-Good Support and Frequent Picking Necessary.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.) Location .- An open, sunny position in the garden suits them very well. Close up to a building or near to a close board fence facing the south is not a good place for them as the intense heat of the sun induces attacks of insect pests. An east, west, or north exposure close to a fence is not so objectionable, except perhaps a direct northern exposure. Near to an open wire fence

or trellis fence is not objectionable. Soil .- A deep, fairly rich loamy soil is best. If the ground is poor or gravelly or heavy clay, dig a trench the length required from 12 to 15 inches deep and about 10 inches wide. Place about two inches in depth of well rooted barnyard manure or cow manure in the bottom of the trench, then fill the trench up with well enriched loamy soil. Deep digging is necessary for sweet peas even in good soil. Never sow sweet peas twice in succession in the same soil: a part of the soil at least should be renewed every year. Prepare trench or ground for sweet peas

the previous fall if possible. When to Sow .- Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked. The seed may be soaked in lukewarm water before sowing for six or eight hours to hasten germ-

How to Sow .-- Make a drill about two inches in depth. Sow the seed about two inches apart. Cover with nearly two inches of fine soil. (The

nearly two inches of fine soil. (The Spencer type of Sweet Peas is the best kind to sow.)

Thimning.—Thin the plants when about six inches in height to three for four inches apart.

Support.—Wide meshed chicken wire five feet in height, maple brushwood or coarse twine may be used for support. Netting made of coarse twine makes an ideal support, better than wire, as the plants cling to it better than to wire.

Watering.—Water thoroughly in very dry weather. Draw a drill a few inches deep and about four inches from the row on each side. Pour water into these until the

Pour water into these until Pour water into these until the ground is thoroughly soaked. Watering in this way once every week or ten days is far more beneficial than frequent light surface waterings. Sprinkle the foliage with water under pressure from a fine sprinkler every day in hot dry weather to keep down insects, such as green aphis and red spider. Sprinkle the under side of the foliage especially. To-

and red spider. Sprinkle the under side of the foliage especially. To-bacco and soap solutions are also good for insect pests.

Picking Bloom.—Keep all the sprays of bloom picked off every second day to prevent seed from forming. If seed is allowed to form, the bloom will be inferior and the flowering season of short duration.

Fertilizers.—A watering once or twice with liquid manure solution towards the end of August will help to

wards the end of August will help to keep the plants vigorous and produc-tive late in the season.—The late Wm. Hunt, O. A. College Guelph

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