But Make Mine Zinnias

By Sarah Child



I do not know what it is in our childhood that determines whether we grow up to be fanciers of roses or on the quite opposite side of the garden fence, zinnia growers.

I myself belong to the latter category. And, it only follows, I suppose, that I would forgo any damasked and crystalled state banquet for a picnic breakfast in the woods. Or choose a vacation in the English or Italian countryside over the more sophisticated pleasures of, say, Paris or Rome.

But, back to the flowers. The differences in posies and people came to me the other day as I sat in our backyard and looked around.

On one side of the back cellar door in glorious blooming confusion preened a purple rhododenron, a delicate yellow rambler rose bush and a pink azalea. On the wall behind it bloomed a violet clematis and on the other side some more huge white blossoms of the same climbing family. On the ground the last of the lilies of the valley were making a show.

With the exception of the azalea, a gift of a house guest, the flowers all had been the work of the former owner of the house.

Her love and devotion was now producing a glorious display in the backyard. In front,

Literally "before the pasta

course," antipasto is world

famous as a great snack bar of

hors d'oeuvres. From six to

sixty various items might ap-

pear: sausages, fish, fritters

and an assortment of salads,

Suggested here is a colorful

Antipasto salad combining

green pepper, cucumber, celery.

onions, tomatoes and hardcook-

ed eggs in an oil and vinegar

Antipasto Salad may be

served as a first course or ac-

companiment for pasta meals.

Or, for summer style enjoy-

ment, turn it into a cold buf-

fet by adding some traditional

Italian elements such as sau-

sages, prosciutto, anchovies and

sardines with crusty long loaves

dressing.

of bread.

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cheeses and crusty breads.

the crocuses, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and poppies she had planted had already offered their color and fragrance for the season.

To the side of the house there was more: peonies both pink and white, a tallish yucca and tiny, lovely primroses. On the other side: hydrangeas, wood violets, something that looked like silver pennies, a variety of roses and chrysanthemums.

A veritable green house, I thought. A variety of plants and bushes to produce an effect, anyone who cares the least whit about growing things would have to admire.

Yet, here I was — enjoying and admiring the other woman's floral scheme and God's handiwork to be sure - yet perverse enough to be impatient for the bright, gorgeous, tangerine zinnias I had sown to make their way into bloom. Where were the yellow and orange marigolds I'd planted and what was taking the sunflowers so long to rise up six feet high?

Hardy and hearty and easy to grow - the homespun flowers of the garden world. These are my kind. If the roses are the aristocracy, then these are the peasants. Colorful and strong.

ANTIPASTO SALAD

tablespoons vinegar

1/4 teaspoon white pepper

½ cup sliced green onions

cup diced green pepper cup diced cucumbers

medium tomatoes, quartered

3 hard-cooked eggs. quartered

In a small jar combine oil,

vinegar, salt and pepper. Cover

and shake well. Set aside. Com-

bine green pepper, cucumber,

toes in a large bowl. Shake

dressing and pour over vege-

tables. Toss well. Serve vege-

tables on crisp lettuce leaves

and garnish with wedges of egg.

celery, green onions and toma-

teaspoon salt

1 cup diced celery

Lettuce leaves

Makes 6 servings.

½ cup oil

To each his own.

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