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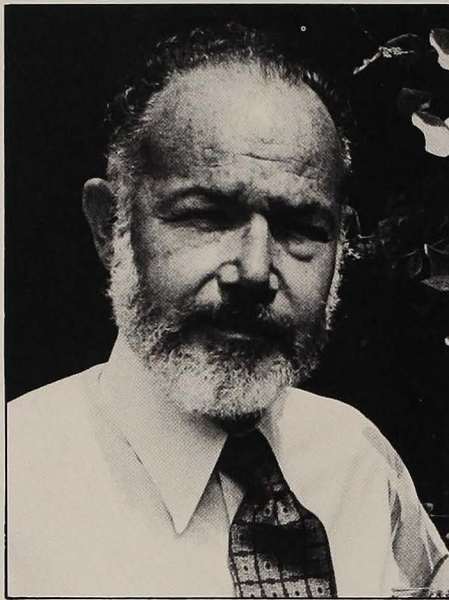
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This month horticultural education is again my topic of discussion. The American Horticultural Society is officially an educational institution. Our aim is to provide horticultural education and leadership for our members and for all American gardeners. Towards this end we publish a magazine and newsletter to bring you the latest information on gardening and to introduce plants and techniques that may be new to you. Have you tried a new gardening technique or grown a new plant in your garden this year? If you haven't you are missing half the fun of gardening.

It may be hard to find anything in gardening that is absolutely new. There were many more species of plants grown in gardens a hundred years ago than are generally available to us today, but I'm sure there are still many plants available that would be new to your individual gardens. And, of course, there are new varieties of plants which have only been developed in recent years. If you've recently enjoyed something new in your own garden, be it plant or technique, why not share it with all of us?

This leads me to the next point I want to raise. The American Horticultural Society is a national organization with members all over the United States and in many foreign countries. Do you personally know any of your fellow members? For the last couple of years we have run a series of gardening lectures at our headquarters in Mount Vernon. These programs have been

an unquestionable success and have served at least two purposes. Not only were the lectures a learning experience, but they also offered the opportunity for members to meet one another.

As a result of the success of this lecture program at our national headquarters, we now feel confident enough to offer help in organizing similar programs in other parts of the country. Wherever we have a concentration of members, we have a ready-made audience. Even where there may be only two or three members, we could help organize a program for gardeners in the community. A group of members in the Los Angeles area is preparing such a program right now. If you would like to plan a similar program, let us put you in touch with your fellow AHS members and help you set up a gardening education program. Lecture series, demonstration gardens and children's gardens are just a few of the ways that you can share your gardening enthusiasm with your friends and neighbors.

As any experienced gardener knows, sharing knowledge and plants are ways of expanding personal gardening pleasure. What about setting up an informal local AHS chapter and meeting at regular intervals? There are many other ways you can actively participate in your Society and make it a really national gardening organization. Write to us for suggestions.

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