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- RUTH SPENCER, LOCAL 4 NEWS

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- DEBORAH PORTERFIELD, GANNETT NEWS SERVICE



SATURDAY JUMP START

OVERHEARD

“The American people have lost faith in the president’s conduct of this war.”

U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI, D-Calif., after a war-funding vote that set a date to cease combat operations.
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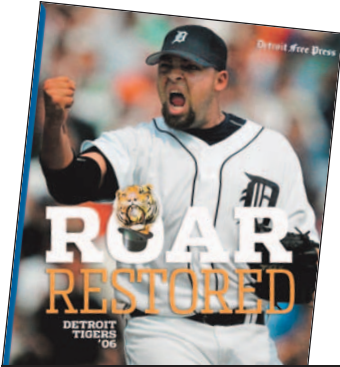
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Plot your plantings and expect to get dirty

If you're intimidated by gardening, it's probably because you don't know where to start. Believe me, it's deeper than going to a flower market, saying, "Ooh, that's pretty," and digging a hole in the ground or putting some dirt in a pot.

John Maybee, director of floral operations for Westborn Flower Market, understands how beginners can be overwhelmed, but he said that, when the threat of frost is gone, go ahead and get your hands dirty.

"I think it can be intimidating if you're looking at a garden and it's a garden that someone else has planted ... or something that's been overgrown," said Maybee, who has worked in the floral industry for 33 years.

Patio farming

If you lack space and time, try outdoor pots. "It's for people who want to try to get a feel for gardening," Maybee said. Patio farming uses "everything from herbs to designer vegetables. ... It makes a really beautiful combination on their patio, and a lot of things they grow can be used in cooking."

Use big containers to promote the best root systems.

They don't have to weigh a ton. He said there are "wonderful lightweight polyresin materials that look like heavy terracotta or stone. It's great for people in apartments to use on their patios and decks."

Make sure your space offers the plants the sun or shade they need to thrive.

"People go out and buy these wonderful plants that they just think are beautiful, and they say, 'I bought everything for sun, and my garden is all in the shade,'" Maybee said.

Labels will tell you whether the plant will do well in the sun or shade.

In a small space, go for colorful, Maybee said. "Big splashes of color, bold color blocks are very popular."

The return of coleus

"One of the plants that's really making a comeback from the Victorian era is the coleus plant," Maybee said. "It has an amazing variety that offers incredible colors from purple to lime green to oranges and yellows. They look very well in patio pots."

To get started with coleus, decide on a color theme. For example, lavenders, blues and purples are in the same color family and look great grouped.

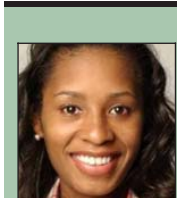
Expect to pay about \$2.99 for smaller Coleus plants and up to \$15 for the larger ones. They're available by around the end of April.

What do you need?

The musts: the time to commit to your plant or garden, pots and space, proper fertilizer or good soil and of course, a water hose if you're planting outside.

David Bargerstock, district manager for Davey Tree and Lawn Care in Mt. Clemens, recommends a hand trowel to dig small holes, Preen to prevent weeds (a gardener's best friend, he says), mulch to go over soil to conserve its moisture and Miracle-Gro fertilizer for annuals and vegetables.

For learning more, he said, "Tree & Shrub Gardening for Michigan" by Tim Wood and Alison Beck is a good book, "probably my first pick for the novice."



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TOP: Blazin Rose iresine is a companion for Oompah coleus.
NEXT: Tropicanna canna and Rustic Orange coleus provide hot colors.
BOTTOM: Variety keeps the coleus popular with gardeners.

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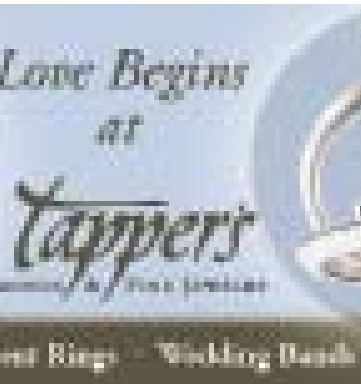

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Mega Ball.....36
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