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“Art is the expression of man’s joy in his work.” Landscape architecture is that art which helps to develop and beautify our outdoor surroundings, whether for mere pleasure or for fitness and harmony in their use.

Its Scope. It may be a small home place with unusual difficulties or opportunities. It may be a country estate with its buildings to be located, its drives, walks, gardens, trees, or shrubbery plantings and wooded fields to be developed. It may be a park, playground, boulevard, land subdivision, cemetery, or even the planning of a city—the making of any kind of private or public land more beautiful, more useful, or more valuable.

Mr. Auten offers his services for such undertakings; to consult with owners, architects, engineers, and others, also to advise, design, or superintend such work in its many phases.

Preliminary Visit. To become acquainted with the problem, consultation on the ground is generally necessary. To obtain the best results, it is often advantageous to help the client select property that will be suited to his use as well as to assist in its later development. Verbal suggestions may suffice, but on large or difficult work, a written report is usually given. If plans are to be made to scale, a topographical survey is ordinarily required.

Preliminary Plan. That our ideas may be clear to the client, a preliminary plan is furnished with explanations. This plan is merely for suggestion and discussion as to the problems involved and when agreed upon, will be followed by a—

General or Working Plan. This can be staked out on the ground showing locations, grades, etc., and may be executed by a contractor or by a capable foreman, by consulting us occasionally.

Planting Plans. Detailed planting plans can be furnished, either for new, or for remodeling of old places.

Supervision. That the plans may be carried out as designed, our clients generally wish us to oversee the work until its completion. Often we are retained for advice as to the maintenance of plantings, or to see that the ultimate design is carried out.
PLANTS FROM THE
EXPERIMENTAL GROUNDS
OF
ANDREW AUTEN
OBERLIN, OHIO
FALL OF 1923

FOREWORD
The writer started with five peonies from grandmother's home in 1905. As the landscape work brought new varieties to light, the list grew—just because of the love for the flower, then they had to be tried out to prove their worth.

With Peonies, as with all flowers, people are coming to use them more and more in decorating. Some varieties in this list have peculiar value for such work. It may be length of stem, cluster of bloom, shadings in color, grace of foliage and stem, the pert open face of the singles or the heavy massiveness of the big fellows.

I shall use the word "Decorative" in the descriptions of such.

TIME TO PLANT
From September 1st till winter.

WHERE TO PLANT
In open sun on well drained and well prepared ground, buds 2½ inches below the surface. Mulch after the ground freezes. Cultivate so the weeds can not grow and watch results.

PRICE
Is for 3 to 5 eye divisions.

TERMS
Cash with order. Rates quoted for quantity.

DOUBLE PEONIES
Rating
—Agida. Brilliant red, sure bloomer, very good. 75c.
7.1—Alexandriana. Violet-rose, strong free bloomer. 50c.
—Andre Lauries. Solferino red, late, fragrant, good old variety. 50c.
8.7—Avalanche (Albatre). A very fine white, fragrant. $1.00.
9.0—Baroness Schroeder. Extra fine white, decorative. $2.00.
—Bernard de Pallais. Blush pink, full, large, good. 75c.
—Constant Devred. Very late, red, fragrant. 75c.
8.1—Crown of Gold. White, late. 50c.
6.4—Dr. Bretonneau. Pale lilac rose, free fragrant, good cut flower. 50c
   —Dorchester. Very late dwarf pink, fragrant, free large flower. 75c.
8.1—Duchess de Nemours. Sulfur white, tall, fragrant, great bloomer. 75c.
8.3—Eugène Verdier. Hydrangea pink, fragrant, dwarfish, free. $1.50.
   —Eugene Bigot, Brilliant deep Tyril rose, large, free, late. $2.50
8.4—Félix Crousse. One of best reds, fragrant, free bloomer. 75c.
9.3—Festiva Maxima. White with crimson flecks, tall, strong, always blooms. 50c.
8.5—Germaine Bigot. Large flat lilac rose. $1.50.
   —Giant Sprawly Pink. An immense bloom of varying pinkish shades, 4 ft. stems, medium early, wonderfully floriferous, decorative. $2.00
   —General Lawton. Wonderful clusters of pink, fragrant blooms, loosely double. 75c
7.3—Golden Harvest. White, fragrant, dwarf, free, good. Decorative. 75c
8.2—Grover Cleveland. An immense dark crimson globe, striking, vigorous, late. $3.00.
   —Hercules. Flesh pink, with anthers showing, a valuable and dependable variety. Decorative. 75c
5.7—Humei. Cherry pink, cinnamon fragrance, late, very pretty. 50c.
   —Johnson Pink. A very decorative large clear pink double bloom. Never had name for it—a good one. $1.25.
8.8—Karl Rosenfield. Dark crimson, fragrant, tall and strong—very good for use. $4.00.
7.5—La Tulipe. Lilac white, fragrant, tall, free. A very good Peony. 75c
8.1—Livingstone. Pale lilac rose, very strong, midseason, large late. $1.50
   —Melaine Henry. Light red, fragrant, free, midseason. 50c.
8.6—Mme. Auguste Dessert. Violet rose, very large, early midseason. free, very good. $2.00.
8.5—Mme. Emil Galle. Deep lilac white, large, compact, rose $1.10, free, late. $1.00.

8.3—Mme. Emil Lemoine. Milk white a valuable late sort. $2.00.
7.9—Mme. Geissler. Violet rose, very fragrant, one of largest, distinctive. $1.00.
   —Mme. Lebon, Cherry pink, fragrant, large globular flowers-lots of bloom. 75c.
8.4—Marguerite Gerard. Pale hydrangea pink, large, late, free. $1.50.
7.1—Monsieur Boucharlat Alue. Violet rose, large full double, very strong erect, free, late, striking habit. 75c
8.4—Mont Blanc. Large globular white, fragrant, extra fine. $6.00.
8.5—Octavie Demay. Pale pink, early, short, fragrant, free, extra. $1.50.
8.6—Pottsii Alba. Pale hydrangea pink, beautifully shaded, fragrant tall, free—a real good one. $1.00
7.4—Princesse Beatrice. Three storied, tricolor pinkish bloom, fragrant, vigorous, very floriferous, early midseason, extra good. 75c.
6.8—Queen Victoria. The most used white for commerce. 40c.
   —Superbissima. A beautiful dark rose fading to be silver tipped, good cut flower variety, a beautiful plant, unique. $1.00
9.8—Therese. Soft delicate pink. The most admired flower among hundreds of varieties and rightly so. $6.00.
7.6—Virginie. Pink, fragrant, tall, free. 75c.
7.0—Zoe Calot. Violet rose, fragrant, tall. Midseason. 75c.

SINGLE AND JAPANESE PEONIES

Rating
   —Clio. A beautiful pink color. $1.25
   —Gloria, Pink, much like Clio. $1.00
8.3—Marie Jacquin. Rightly called Water Lily. With age and strong cultivation it may become slightly double. $1.50.

—Mikado. Petals red surrounding a wonderful mass of yellowish petaloids—no clash of color—study them. $3.00.

*Mixed seedlings* in color. Good for planting in shrubbery borders. 25c.

—Smoutsii. Foliage a little coarser than Tenuifolia—second to bloom. Flower violaceous red. (Sold only in Collections 3 and 4). $1.25.

—Tenuifolia. Finely divided foliage with a pretty single red bloom—the first of the season. (Sold only in Collections 3 and 4). $1.25.

**NOTE**—Every garden should have one or more of each color and type of the singles. Nothing in my garden attracts more attention than the above Peonies.

**COLLECTION NO. 1**

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**Entire Collection**—$5.00

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**Entire Collection**—$25.00

**Pomponia** ........................................... 50

**Monsieur Dupont** .................................. 1.00

**Virginie** ......................................... 75

**Pink Japanese** .................................... 50

**Red Japanese** ..................................... 50

**Albiflora** ......................................... 1.50

**Entire Collection**—$10.00.

**COLLECTION NO. 3**

6 to 10 weeks of bloom

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**Entire Collection**—$16.00

**COLLECTION NO. 4**

Extra Fine

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**Entire Collection**—$31.50

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COLLECTION NO. 5

Mixed—Having only a few of a kind and others so near like them, I will offer the higher priced ones along with the lowest at 30c each, $2.50 per ten, $20.00 per 100.

HEDGE PLANTS

Berberis thumbergii—second year plants, growing rapidly. Write for prices later. 5000 plants.

BULBS

Narcissus

Emperor .................80c doz.  $6.00 C
Empress .................80c doz.  6.00 C
Poeticus .................50c doz.  3.50 C
Grape Hyacinth, blue .......... 1.00 C

HARDY PERENNIALS

Funkia (Plantain Lily)
Subcordata alba, white ..........25c
Lancifolia, purple ..............25c
Sieboldiana-glaucous, green — pale blue ........................................25c
Ovata, blue ......................25c
Hemerocallis flava (Yellow Day Lily), the common one ............20c
Hemerocallis dumortierii—the earliest ........................................20c
Iris Germanica
Florentina alba ..................10c
Her Majesty .....................15c
Panisensis ......................10c
Rare varieties in small quantities
Iris Siberica
Blue or white ..................12½c
If you live within driving distance, you can select many fine and rare varieties of plants (too few to list) in my garden. Phone or write for date.

Having sold my place, I have a limited time to remove my collection. Order soon.

Have from 1000 to 1500 varieties of plants in my garden—many not often found.
Professional Charges

**Preliminary Visit.** Where a preliminary visit and report only are required, a nominal fee will be charged, depending on the difficulty or importance of the problem and the advice given.

**Plans.** For Preliminary and General Plans, Working Drawings and Planting Plans, a fee will be charged as may be agreed upon or relative to the cost of the work to be done. In case of revision of plans already accepted, the actual cost of such changes will be charged to the client.

**Supervision.** For Supervision of work, a charge is made on the time basis unless a fixed charge has been agreed upon to cover definite work to be completed within a definite time.

**As Agent.** Acting as the client's representative, estimates are made, contracts let, plants and materials ordered at the lowest rates. We assume no financial responsibility for materials used nor for workmanship. We prefer to be employed in the same relation to the development of the grounds as the Architect is to the building. No commissions are accepted.

**Charges.** An approximate idea of charges can be given when we know the nature of the work and the time it may cover.

**Credentials.** Mr. Auten had several years of experience in the office and executing the plans of Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects, Brookline, Mass., worked in practical forestry under the direction of H. L. Frost, forester, Boston, Mass., and under Professor C. S. Sargent of Harvard University. The past eight years have been devoted to an independent practice.

He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

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