



## Honk, honk

Once wild Canadian honkers, now nearly a domestic waterfowl, these geese might see the day when they're too overweight to even take to the air. (Advertiser photo by Mark Cote)

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## Sunset at Crosby's



Sunset silhouettes from dockside at Crosby Yacht in Osterville. (Advertiser photo by Mark Cote)

## Horticulture Hints

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The countryside is changing its coat to beautiful shades of red and gold. Do take time to admire the changes that occur every single day.

There is still time for making over the perennial bed - this should be done every three or four years. Divide good plants, discard unsatisfactory ones, enrich the soil and try some new varieties.

As soon as the foliage of dahlias, cannas, gladiolas, and

other summer bulbs has been frosted, lift and prepare for storage in a cool, dry, frost-free place. Discard any that show signs of disease. Dry sand, perlite, vermiculite or sawdust may be used to cover the stored bulbs.

Still not too late to divide and plant peonies.

Hill up roses 12" high before ground freezes.

Slow acting fertilizers should be used with bulbs planted in Autumn. Bonemeal is very satisfactory.

Remove the old leaves from iris plants the last thing in the fall. The eggs which produce iris borers are laid on the old leaves.

October is the month for cleaning up the garden. Clean away dead stems and debris from flowers and vegetables. Matting of leaves on perennials may cause rot and serious damage. Do not apply mulches until the ground has frozen, as a protection from mice.

African violets may be moved to a spot that gets full sun, toward the end of the month.

Grow orange and lemon trees on the cold and dry side for the next few months.

Christmas cactus - set the plant in a cool dim place and do not water for an entire month.

To get Christmas bloom on Poinsettias they must have 12 hours of darkness for 70 days. Helen Van Pelt Wilson, the noted horticulturist moves hers to a closet from 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.! That's not for me, but its a challenge for some of you!