

City Hall

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# Spring Is In City Hall Gardens

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Santa Cruz has long been a favorite Easter vacation city. Though the beach is the main attraction, the spring festival look of Santa Cruz gardens and streets gives an added dimension.

The front garden features masses of colorful nemesia. This not too commonly grown annual produces large heads of inch flowers in white and all the warm colors; yellow, pink, orange, red and blends of these colors. Wall scones of the same nemesia decorate the entrance to the portico. Japanese iris, columbine and orange deciduous azaleas add contrast to the beds of nemesia.

Red ranunculus edged in yellow and blue violets are another bright feature of the front garden. The giant pedestal planters which Richard Criswell added last year are filled with red ranunculus surrounded by bright orange callendulus. Beds of the same orange callendulus brighten the base of the planters.

There is a large clump of



City Hall Pansy Pillars And Hanging Baskets

Callas, Santa Cruz's Easter lily. Callas grow so readily here we sometimes overlook the fact that they are extremely popular with flower arrangers for their bold modern look, and command a high price as cut flowers in colder climates.

On the portico there are three large tubs of cymbidiums, one with 14 spikes. Cymbidiums now dominate the Easter corsage market, with Santa Cruz holding

a dominant place in that market.

In the inner courtyard Criswell has created a special fairyland for children. Miniature scenes with elves and animals peek from under the shrubs. There is a special Easter scene under the free-standing stairs.

Criswell uses baskets of nemesia and pillars of pansies to dramatize the Spanish colonial architecture of City Hall. Both are his own creation. Nemesia is an upright growing plant not usually considered for hanging baskets, but Criswell discovered they are adaptable to training to cascade over and around a moss-filled wire basket for a very colorful effect.

The pansy pillars which Criswell designed and built of chicken wire and sphagnum moss extend from the ground to

the second-story balcony. They were featured in the March issue of "Flower And Garden" with a colorful photograph. "Sunset" has also asked for details of their construction.

The fountain in the courtyard was turned off to conserve energy so it was filled for a giant planter which now holds yellow and blue violas.

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