

LOST IN SPACE

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WHAT COLOR ARE THINGS IN OUTER SPACE? WILD, VIVID

Irwin Allen's precedent-setting television series, "Lost in Space" will be seen this year in "wild, vivid" color over CBS-TV when it returns for its second season on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

In addition to the obvious attraction of seeing Guy Williams, June Lockhart, Jonathan Harris, Mark Goddard, Marta Kristen, Angela Cartwright and Billy Mumy in breathtaking hues, television viewers for the first time will be able to see way-out colors of vegetation and rock — or even living alien beings — on a strange planet in the year 1999.

"For one thing, it's absolutely eye-appealing," said lovely "Space" star June Lockhart.

Miss Lockhart is not one to be easily excited over a mere detail of hue, shade or intensity. She is a better-than-average artist off screen and delights in decorating her own and her friends' homes in what she calls "the 'Lost in Space' period."

"Who knows what combinations of light and intensity will be found on strange planets when man is actually able to travel millions of miles into the skies?" she said. "We know enough about light rays to realize that basic colors as we know them will be the same everywhere in the universe, but the way the primary colors are mixed and blended and the textures of the reflecting surfaces are liable to bring some surprising results," she said.

One look around the set of the 20th Century-Fox Television series is enough to realize that Producer Irwin Allen shares Miss Lockhart's views on the probability of colors in space.

In view are tree-like growths that sport foliage in purples, oranges and yellows — if one could describe the colors in earth terms. There are blue rocks and violet grasses, lavender bushes and reddish landscapes, orange monsters and green people — all results of the vivid imagination of Producer Allen.

"Irwin Allen is really the only one who knows what outer space looks like," June said.