

Down to earth Transplant trillium in the fall



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Interest is running high on creating a wild flower garden in an area of a rear garden. Circular stepping stones within that garden for plant explorers will add to the decor of the chosen spot.

Trillium and Christmas ferns are perfect companions for an exotic result. Even though you don't have

much of an expanse for a suggested development, you can make a composition using an attractive boulder with a grouping in the shade of the trillium and Christmas ferns. Plant three trillium and two ferns.

When you plant trillium be sure and plant the rootstock in a hole four times deeper than the rootstock. For the new

location, it will provide a good protection against a cold winter cycle and very warm weather in the summer. Plant the root in an upright position.

In England, trilliums are used for under plantings with rhododendrons and azaleas. They are native to our country. As soon as you become enamored with trillium, you will probably want to start collecting the rare varieties, but after a long, hard winter, how

you will brag about your white trilliums.

Late summer or early fall is the best time to transplant trillium and try, if possible, to duplicate the woods soil where you dug them—even carrying them in a plastic bag with soil from the initial location tucked around the treasures. Park, Burpee and Wayside Gardens have trillium plants. If you dig them in the wilds, remember they are a protected species, so you must have permission from the property owner.

There are other plants you will want to consider for your wildflower garden such as Solomon's seal, hepatica, jack-in-the-pulpit, Dutchman's breeches and marsh marigolds (if you have a moist spot). Violets are good, but watch it, soon you will be their slave, trying to contain them.

Dogsooth violets, spring beauty with hoodoo, arbutus and Lady slipper, will provide a collection to bring raves from all of your friends. Again, be careful where you dig.

Many of us have been concerned about the drought cycle we have just experienced and the effect it has had on our trees and shrubs. In this area we have to struggle to bring our birches through to beautiful, white trunk maturity. They have to be remembered as being thirsty and can't tolerate dry spells without special attention. Magnolias come under this category, too.

Pine oaks can thrive without special watering attention as well as all members of the rose family—crabapples, cherries, firethorns, cotoneasters and more. Maples are also able to take care of themselves in hot weather.

This information is shared for those who will be making new selections this fall or next spring. Most of the evergreens resent hot sun, dry winds and very dry soil.

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Conductor appointed

Francesci Di Blasi, Oakway Symphony conductor, was recently appointed conductor of the Eastern Michigan University Civic-Symphony Orchestra. He replaces Clark Suttle who left the university for another position. DiBlasi was also appointed to a half-time position as lecturer in the university's department of music. DiBlasi, 51, organized and trained the Oakway Symphony, which plays regular subscription concerts in Birmingham, Southfield, Farmington and Livonia. He is a former member of the Detroit Symphony, Metropolitan Opera and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and has appeared frequently as a guest conductor both here and abroad. A graduate of Madonna College, he also studied at Juilliard and Pierre Monteux L'Ecole for conductors.

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