

# Plant your shrubs now for lush spring blooms

In this cycle of the garden year, gardeners are beginning to eye the bins of spring blooming bulbs in the stores.

At Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio, Fred Roberts, director, plans the annual tulip display.

His sage advice is to plant tulips six inches apart on centers and put them in the ground about four inches to the top of the bulb.

Mulch with an inch of corn cob mulch. Plant only when the soil temperature is below 50 degrees.

Although most tulips don't produce as fine a bloom after the first year, they are still worth replanting. Kingwood cuts off the flowers as soon as



down to earth

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they begin to shatter.

He digs up the plants without removing stem or foliage. He dries the bulbs in a dark, ventilated place, either on trays or hung in bunches.

His advice is to cut off the dried stems in late August. Keep only the best appearing ones.

Treat with a fungicide before planting later. In following columns we will give more aids for bulb selection.

**DAFFODILS BENEFIT FROM early planting.** As for the other bulbs, it seems as though every rodent in the neighborhood is waiting behind a bush

to make a call and eat the bulbs.

My advice would be to plant most bulbs after the chipmunks, mice and squirrels have all located their apartments for the winter.

This is a good time to review the west side of your home. This is the location to consider developing a wind-break to cut the winter winds.

Smart plant selection can reduce your fuel bill by 10 to 15 percent. Windbreaks reduce the speed of the freezing, gusting winds. They also lessen the effects of the wind chill index.

In the telephone book, look under the Oakland County listings for the Cooperative Extension Service, Horticulture,

for planting advice.

Every time I see what the state of Oregon has done with wayside planting, I wish we could get surplus plants from gardens (maybe, shared by garden clubs) and plant them along the roads for travelers to enjoy. Oregon used iris, lilies, peonies and other perennials. This was done by the State Highway Commission.

If you have a hillside that is a detriment, consider putting in a rock garden. This is a good time to construct one so that you can incorporate bulbs. If you can get two or three large boulders, you can supplement them with manageable medium size stones.

**IN YOUR PLACEMENT,** plan on shelves for plants placed in an irregular manner. For plant selection, you still have to consider the light factor as you do for all plantings.

For shade exposures, you will welcome a collection of small ferns and coralbells will prosper if the site isn't in dead shade.

For the sun, dwarf barberry is good and sundry annuals. Don't forget creeping phlox and the small bulbs for early spring accents. Sedums come in many varieties and lend interest.

Tip your major boulders back to control runoff. As plants are placed, mulch over the soil with interesting textures such as bark or chips.



LEONARD LEONE

## Shakespeare evenings begin with Leone

Leonard Leone, creator of the Hilberry Theatre and Director of Wayne State University Theatres since 1946, will kick off the program series "Evenings with Shakespeare" at 7 p.m. Oct. 7.

The programs are sponsored by the Southfield Public Library. Four programs are planned.

As director of the Globe reconstruction project, Leone will speak on the plans to construct a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on the Detroit waterfront.

The Oct. 7 program will begin with a short biographical film about Shakespeare followed by Leone's lecture.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program by the Southfield Arts Council at a reception for Mrs. Bertie Tweedale. The Friends of the Southfield Library have acquired from her the Ralph L. Tweedale Shakespeare collection.

This rare and extensive collection will be on display at the library for the first time on Oct. 7.

On Oct. 14 John Prinz, assistant librarian at WSU will speak about the life and work of Shakespeare. A film on "Macbeth" will be featured on Oct. 21 and the Farmington Players will present readings from Shakespeare on Oct. 28.

The programs are free and open to the public. For more information call the library at 354-9100.

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## U-M leader is honored

Dr. Harold T. Shapiro, president of the University of Michigan, will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Jewish National Fund on Oct. 15.

The annual dinner is scheduled for Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. David B. Holtzman is chairman of the event.

Honorary chairmen include: Dr. Thomas N. Bonner, president of Wayne State University; Dr. William Haber, economist and retired dean of the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts; and the Rev. Robert A. Mitchell, president of the University of Detroit.

A forest of 25,000 trees will be established in the American Bicentennial Park in Israel in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Shapiro, and will be named the Dr. Harold T. and Vivian B. Shapiro Forest.

Carmi M. Slomovitz is president of the Jewish National Fund of Greater Detroit.

For more information, call the Jewish National Fund office in Southfield at 557-6844.



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