Plant now to enjoy next spring Many perenal plants can be put into the ground now, and, as a consequence, get a good start for the spring growing season. If the early making workshop, 25:30 pm. Saturdays, Oct. 721. Participants will create original carrings, plants, buckles, bangles or mailtons and return with the enew plantings, especially ground covers (some of these changes or with the seasons, tool and water moisture levels, but avoid are chosen — birches, maples, sweet and sour gunns, whurmums, golden coral, red-demmed degreed — they considered the property of the considered property of the considered

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— Layes Affinitioned some of these plants that provide fall color, the list of spring-flowering ones is very long. Talk to your unseryman for ideas or pick up a book for reference. The decision making is part of the tuw when choices are made and the whole limitly can become involved and ligarn.

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planting. Stick to balled and burlapped or container-grown plants, much the new plantings, especially ground covers (some of these change color with the seasons, too) and watch molsture levels, but avoid overwatering.

Fall is a good time to plant flowering perennials — some to enjoy now and others for the following season. One particular perennial bhat filts this category is the chrysachemum. Choose those that have large ready-to-open buds rather than in full bloom, so that the bloom can be enjoyed for a longer period of time. Also, the plant will have time to grow new roots and become established before whiter sets in.

Mums come in many forms, so check the label for flower color, shape and for the variety name. A new plok decorative mum has just been introduced by Yoder Brotten. Look for the Prophets Labele. The name is Debonair.

Since this column has been about fail color, some other late-bloomers that can be planted now include the



lovely fall-blooming anemones (the hardlest is A.vitifolla); asters, monkshood (Acontium napellus); globe thistic (Echinops rite and spacrocephalus); and the sedum "Autumn Joy" (Sedum spectable), with its changing colors. Others to put in owa ret the dayillies (Henerocalitis) such as "Stella De Oro," (mine is blooming now), "Antumn Minaret" and "Frans Hals."

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most of the above, and many more plants could be added to the list. A good book dealing with perennials will help with the selections.

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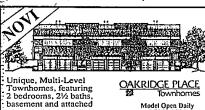




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