

Pastel tulips to be hot item in '90s

Is it a bulb, corm, or tuber? The Netherlands Flowerbulb Information Center in New York tells us that the main difference between bulbs and corms is their method of storing food.

In corms, most of the food is stored in an enlarged plate rather than in the meaty scales, which in corms are much smaller. Corms also generally tend to be flatter in shape than round, true bulbs.

Tubers and roots have no protective tunic and are really just enlarged stem tissue. They can be cylindrical to flat and in many combinations. Many are in clusters. Generally, bulb has commonly come to mean any plant which has an underground root storage system.

Hardy bulbs, those that are planted in the fall, need a cold period before sprouting. The ideal place is in our gardens during the winter, waiting for the soil to warm enough so that they can put on a show in the coming spring.

PASTEL COLORS are "hot" in decorating, and the tulip industry is right in line with fashion. Tulips will be the big fashion rage in 1990, according to a report in USA Today. It takes many years for growers to de-



down to earth
Marty Figley

velop new colors, so the question to ask is, "who is taking a clue from whom?" Look for "Angelique," "Peach Blossom," "Apricot Brandy" and "Shirley," a cottage tulip with white petals edged in purple-pink.

If you are in the market for narcissi, which come in colors besides deep yellow, shades of ivory, coral and pale yellow are available. Search out "Tabitha," "Ice Follies" and "Mrs. H.U. Backhouse."

If the tulips are planted close to the house, pale colors will "bring the outdoors in," to complement the pale colors in decorating.

When on the buying spree, look for firm, fat bulbs that have no soft spots. A gentle "squeeze" will confirm their condition. Examine them for signs of rotting and sniff them for signs of disease, insect or mildew. Since bulbs generally need 12 weeks or more of cold storage to be successful, now is the time to make those purchases.

BULBS NEED good drainage and do well in either fall or partial sun. They should be set at a depth approximately three times their greatest diameter, set a little deeper in sandy soil, less deeply in heavy soils. A bit of peat moss worked well into the soil before planting will improve drainage.

Bulb food or bone meal will assure them of a good start. Remember to plant the pointed side up. Space large bulbs 3-10 inches apart and the smaller ones 1-2 inches apart. After they are covered with soil, a good drink of water is necessary. A 2-3 inch layer of mulch will provide added protection from the cold and keeps the soil from drying out.

Many bulbs called "lesser" tulips can be interspersed with the tulips... you may have a particular mixture that works well for you. The fun of gardening is to experiment with various combinations.



Even a handful of a few well-chosen bulbs planted in the fall can add polish to a spring landscape. These are alabaster-white "Pax" triumph tulips.

October: garden tip

An egg carton is an excellent place to store bulbs until time to plant. They should be kept dry and cool (between 50-60 degrees F) until time to plant. If a refrigerator is used for storage, keep them away from ripening fruit, as the gas emitted from the fruit can destroy the bulbs.

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