

## Down to earth

# Fallen leaves, autumn work

Every year I return to my book containing: "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. There is a bookmark on these leaves and the poem these "leaf kicking days" and say "Boo".

Our large lot is wallpapered with leaves and the effort to have a good clean-up is discouraging. But cheer up, a woman's memory is short because next spring I will be telling you to the beauty of this and that tree.

But, may I warn you? small trees grow larger. A good tree which has the profile of a maple, is a fast growing with leaves that look like fine pine needles but is deciduous. This tree is the Redwood or Metasequoia. This tree was abundant throughout the North Temperate area before the Ice Age.

A Chinese scholar found this tree growing in a remote section of Central China in 1944, before the Communists came into power.

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Harvard sent a delegation to gather seeds. In 1953 the Secret Arboretum in Ohio already had 49 trees growing rapidly from the seeds.

This tree will survive severe winters and dry summers. "No raking" is necessary for these leaves and furthermore, commercially, it is an excellent source of pulpwood.

You might like to save your last pruning of your evergreens just before the holidays when you can use the fresh cuts for trimming.

Gardening holds the interest of so many happy people because they are always trying new ideas. How can you face mid-January without knowing that you have some pots of bulbs stowed away for late winter pleasure within the home?

**FIRST, GO TO** the garden supply store and pick out bulbs. Don't mix up the varieties and colors. For forcing, exercise better taste by only having one color in a flower pot. Darwinia make the best tulips

have their flat side to the outside. Pack the soil which has been added around the bulbs.

Water thoroughly and set the clay pot in a container of water to assure a good job. Six tulip bulbs would be ideal for a 6" pot. Store the pots at least 12 weeks. They must be in an unheated storage area to encourage rooting and should be in complete darkness (so roots will grow but not the tops). Water only if they become dry and cover for protection.

Check the pots at the end of 12 weeks and be sure they have had a good root growth. The tops should be about 2" high when they are introduced to the living room in a vase, but not where it's frosty later. Avoid direct sunlight. This is a good prescription for successfully growing tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. Don't forget the minor, small bulbs.

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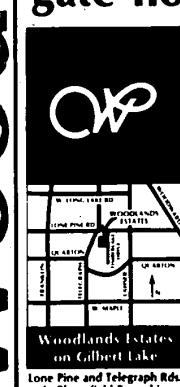
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