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Magnolias Can Thrive In Northern Gardens, Too

By BETTY FRANKEL
Magnolias are synonymous with southern gardens, and the name conjures up visions of bellies in hoop skirts. However, there are magnolias that grow in the north, too, and they are now proudly displaying their beautiful blooms. These look like huge pink or white tulips; that's why some people call these magnolia tulip trees. They are really saucer magnolias, magnolia Soulangiana.

SEVERAL VARIETIES are available, with flowers ranging in size from five to 10 inches in diameter. The inside of the petals are generally white, but the outside color ranges from palest pink to deep purple pink and even wine-red. The flowers are so large and are born so profusely, even on very young trees, that small trees often look a little overburdened. The trees age gracefully, though, and develop a spreading crown. Old trees have an elegance and beauty that is hard to match.

Less well known, is the star magnolia which blooms a couple

Green Thumb Tips
If you had a planting of sweet alyssum in your garden last year, gently remove the browned skeletons of last year's plants and don't disturb the soil underneath.

Chances are excellent that this annual has self-seeded and that soon innumerable seedlings will sprout to bloom in the same place.

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California Poppies Gayest Of Flowers

Certainly one of the gayest flowers for any garden is the California poppy. There are both single and double forms and the older limitations of color to yellow and orange have long since been outgrown.

Indeed, such a color mixture as Mission Bells makes one wonder how such diverse colors can have been bred from just two.

Since most gardeners are familiar with the single-flowered form, it has the same dainty, fern-like foliage but the many petals make its appearance more imposing.

California poppies grow quickly and easily from seeds sown early in the growing season where they are to bloom. They are really perennials but



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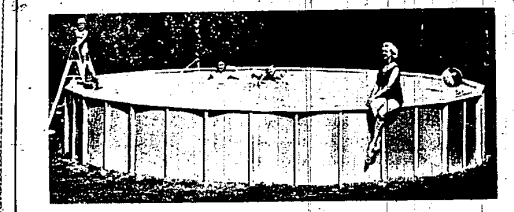
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African Daisy Adds Color

An attractive, daisy-like flower from Africa is easily grown in American gardens and furnishes something a little different from the ordinary, both in the garden picture and for cut flower use.

Call it Cape Daisy, African Daisy, Cape marigold or Star of the Veldt—all are common names for this plant.

The variety pictured is called Glistening White. Blooms may be 3 1/2 inches across with glossy white petals centered with shining black. Yet these appear on plants only 4 to 6 inches high.

Another variety, Salmon Beauty, has salmon-pink flowers, but few hybrid forms also are available, these in mixed colors which include yellow, salmon, rose and apricot as well as white. The hybrids grow a foot tall.

This flower loves heat and sun, therefore may solve problems for many gardeners with these conditions.

The blooms start to appear early, continue for a long season. Plant the seeds where you want the flowers and thin seedlings to allow ample growing space.

Star of the Veldt is handsome in rock gardens, may be used in borders or places where low edgings are desired.

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