

Bulbs Planted Now In Pots Will Bring Spring Indoors

By RIVERBEND CLUB

The gloomy, dark days of winter will soon be upon us. There are numerous house plants which can add color and cheer but maybe you would like to try something new this year. Why not brighten your home by having some blooms from flowering bulbs. Yes, by forcing bulbs indoors, spring can arrive from eight to twelve weeks early and these blooms will last considerably longer than cut flowers.

Plant Best Quality

Daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and other bulbs can be forced but there are certain rules to follow. For best results, get early flowering varieties and start them as soon as possible. Choose only the best bulbs so that only the biggest and best of blooms may be obtained. Small bulbs such as crocus, snowflakes and snowdrops can be forced too, placing several bulbs in a single pot. Lily-of-the-Valley, though not a bulb, is treated in like manner and planted as a bulb.

There are different methods by which these bulbs may be planted — in soil, pebbles or in water. When soil is used, make it good and rich and use pots with drain holes. Pots 5 to 6 inches deep work fine for big bulbs. Using a pot this size, several bulbs can be planted in one pot, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Cover the bulbs with approximately 1 inch of soil.

If you wish to use pebbles, cover about three-fourths of the bulbs so that they set firmly. When using water, place a single large bulb, possibly a hyacinth, in a vase and cover the bottom third of it. Keep the water at this point and store them



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in a cool, dark place until roots make sufficient growth.

To succeed in this venture, temperature and moisture have to be controlled to a certain extent. One of the easiest and best ways is to bury the potted bulbs outside in open ground or in a coldframe. This needs to be well drained so that moisture can drain away quickly. A good root system must develop before the bulbs are brought out to the heat and light. This can be done by keeping the temperature around 40 degrees. If kept too warm, growth will come before there are enough roots to hold up the tops. An adequate root development takes from seven to ten weeks, depending on the variety of bulb.

When the top growth begins to appear, it will seem pale in color but the good green coloring comes on after exposure to light. After bringing in the growing bulbs, continue to keep them fairly cool, at a temperature of around 60 degrees, for a couple of days. Then they can be placed in a sunny window. Your whole family will enjoy watching each day's growth. By bringing in only a pot or two at a time, blooming can be spread over a period of several weeks.

HUCREST CLUB

The Hucrest Garden Club held its November meeting at the home of Esther Burr. Three guests were present and Peggy Montgomery and Velma Corderman were received as new members.

Ruth Travillion gave a report on the recent district meeting held at Days Creek and Fern Card reported on a luncheon meeting with the Fair Board that she had attended. Several changes and additions to the Fairground's gardens were suggested and the various clubs will state their preferences, Mrs. Card reported.

For the afternoon's program, Mrs. Lee M. Wilson presented a discussion of landscape design, giving a variety of ideas and stressing the thought that gardens should look attractive year-round.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Zola Ford at 11 a.m. Dec. 10. It will be a workshop to make table decorations and swags to be sold at the Christmas sale to be staged Dec. 13 by the clubs in the Umpqua District.

Extension Unit Plans Project

By MRS. WALTER COATS

The Olalla-Tennile Home Extension Unit at its last meeting made plans for a recipe file project to be called "Treasured Recipes" and to be used as a money-making activity for the county scholarship fund.

The plans include collecting favorite recipes used by unit members in cooking for their own families and putting them on card files in plastic file boxes. Members are urged to turn their recipes in immediately so that the files can be made up in time for Christmas giving. Any favorite home recipe will be accepted, according to Mrs. Glen Good. Anyone wishing more information about the project may call Mrs. Good or Mrs. Otto Weinhold, Mrs. C. W. Wilson or Mrs. Albert Young II.

The meeting was held at the Ladies Clubhouse and was opened with physical fitness exercises led by Mrs. Ralph Dwight. Mrs. Wilson and Shirley Gohlke were project leaders for the day, giving facts on funerals.

The next meeting will be on Alaska and will be held at the clubhouse beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 17. At noon, members will join the Tennile Ladies Club for a noon potluck luncheon and Christmas party. A gift exchange will be held. All women of the area are invited to attend.

Guests of Mrs. Clara Perry at her home in Tennile over the weekend were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Anderson of Eugene. Mrs. Anderson is the former Carol Perry.

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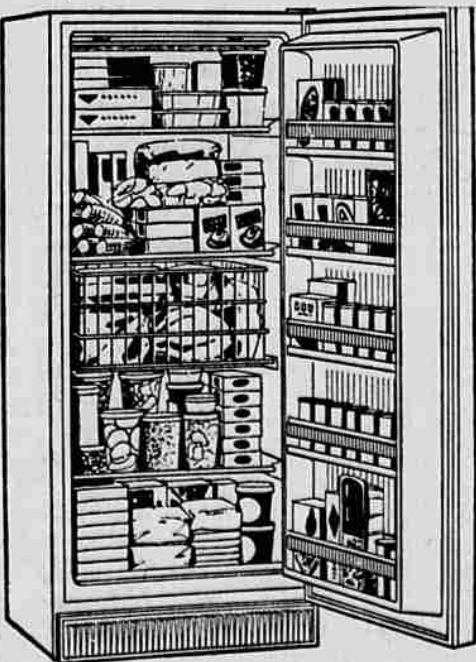
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