

# Landscaping with Bulbs

*A television news reporter was asked why he wore a flower in his lapel every night. "Because I report on the world's ugliness," he replied, "and speak repeatedly of disasters and man's inhumanity to man, I want my viewers to realize things of beauty still do exist. My flower is an example." We in the Quarterly sincerely hope that publishing this article will in some small way propagate this beauty.*

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It's no secret that a wonderful way to decorate your home — inside and out — is to do it with beautifully colored flowers. The secret is in WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and HOW to grow them for the most decorative display throughout the year.

There are some important tips to know before you begin landscaping an area. First, for example, is to know WHAT kind of flowers to plant, and WHAT will

do best in the different seasons. For best results, with a minimum of effort during any season, bulb flowers should be used. They are the easiest to grow; all you have to do is keep them watered and simply wait for the blooms.

Now that one of the WHAT's has been decided, the next step is WHERE. Plant the bulb beds where they can be seen from inside the house, as well as outside. Look for areas that are easily visible from the windows. Picture windows, for example, could frame an original of marvelously colored bulb flowers.

The scene from many picture windows, however, may be of the street and front "foundation" planting, an area usually without flowers and color, just containing lawn and shrubs. But, you can break this "rule" and put a bulb bed where you can see it from your window, and where it will look luxuriously picturesque.

Another decorative tip on WHERE to plant is to find spots in the garden that can easily be seen when walking to and from the house. These too are usually neglected

**This casual, modern planting of Dutch tulips, hyacinths and double-daffodils is as delightfully brilliant as it is unexpected at the foot of the garden stairs. Who could pass such a delicious spot without pausing to admire — and to inhale the perfume of the hyacinths?**



**Here tulips with an underplanting of garden flowers say welcome to your guests in a way that cannot be expressed otherwise.**

