

Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps

Deciduous Shade Trees for Home Landscaping

No matter if your yard could use a new shade tree, a complete landscape job, or a replacement of an old or dead tree in a mature landscape surrounding an older home, consider selecting some of the following species which all drop their leaves over-winter.

Both spring and fall are great times to plant new trees in Zones 6 or greater (generally, below the Mason-Dixon line, or south of the Ohio River). These are the only times to plant bare-root trees or to move trees, though potted or containerized trees as well as balled and burlapped trees can basically be planted any time the soil is not frozen if given proper care.

Let's begin with favorites, then venture a bit "out on a limb" perhaps, as we take a look at shade trees which drop their leaves in the fall.

Maple trees seem to be on every street, in just about every yard. There is a reason for this! Several species

of maples make some of the best general purpose yard trees. Red maples, silver maples, Norway maples, sugar maples and several others too may work well in a home landscape. Red maples are best known for fall leaf color, but are fairly fast growing and easy to care for and look good year around. Silver maples don't color much and some communities are even outlawing them, but they make a large tree in a hurry and will grow almost anywhere with no special care. Norway maples are very nice trees, but it is the red and purple leaved cultivars that are in the biggest demand. Sugar maples grow slow into venerable old giants that grandkids may enjoy when they are old. Some hybrid crosses of the red and silver maples, Autumn Flame, Armstrong and Autumn Blaze, may be a way to have the good parts of both in one tree.

Oak trees are large and stately and long-lived. Lots of leaf clean up will be as messy as acorns may be a draw

back to some people. They are another much used tree, for which there are many good reasons.

Pin oaks are a popular common choice because of their form, as well as gracefulness in old age. White oaks are large trees which age well, though they take quite a few years to reach a good size. Red and scarlet oaks are planted for red leaf color in fall. Shumard oak, willow oak, chestnut oak, burr oak are among better shade tree choices. Live oaks are evergreen, but usually cannot survive where temperatures fall below zero.

Lindens or basswoods, are fine shade trees for residential use. They have some small yellow blooms, the fall color is not impressive. But, except for those limits, they are a better shade tree choice in all ways to say, a Bradford pear.

Tulip poplar is a tall and lovely tree with a straight trunk that provides quick shade. Occasionally a few large limbs may snap in severe storms.

Yellow tulip shaped blooms in May, and lemon yellow fall color are pluses.

Ash trees make good choices for the landscape. Green ash, white ash, mountain ash, are all OK. The variety "Autumn Purple" ash is commonly used by landscapers because of the purple fall hues. "Marshall's seedless" ash is desired because it makes no mess much. Grass grows under ash trees. And the Korean and European mountain ash are more desirable than the native tree for yard use.

Gum trees are wonderful because of their coloring. Black gum is a bit troublesome to transplant and keep well shaped. But it is wind and fire

resistant, and has perhaps the best red in autumn of all trees. Sweet gum grows into a desirable shade, has star shaped leaves, with excellent fall colors of red, orange and purple. Most objections to this tree come from the spiny seed pods which irritate quite a lot on the ground. Eucalyptus trees are also called ginkgos, and are native to Australia. If it gets much below zero where you reside, you won't succeed in growing eucalyptus.

The ginkgo tree, once thought to exist only in fossils until found in China in the 1940's, is technically considered a conifer. But it's tall, stately shape and slow but strong growth, combined with wonderful yellow fall color that all drops off at once (just one leaf raking here), make this a superb lawn tree. Some sources would say I should tell you to buy a male tree, since the females produce fruit, seed and what some consider an odor. You be the judge; unsexed seedlings are cheaper, plus it fruits at least two decades to fruit.

Other trees with shade tree potential are honeylocust, willows, yucca, cypress, beech, cherry, hawthorn, hornbeam, cypress, dawn redwood, birch, mimosa, golden rain, golden chain, hawthorn, yellowwood. And perhaps flowering trees such as catalpa, eudora, polonia, igiri and Russian olive.

Though evergreen trees and flowering trees and shrubs may make nice shade trees too, several have been covered before or will be in the future in this column.

The author is a free-lance writer and landscape contractor. Your suggestions and comments are welcome. Visit at www.rockcastle.com to learn a message.

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- Litter coordinator for MOVES grounds since 1999
- Received PRIDE awards in 2001 and 2002
- (Have received 21 awards since 1987 from the state)

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Hospice to offer training

As part of its Faith in Action initiative, Hospice Care Plus is teaming with area churches to sponsor volunteer trainings. The trainings prepare community members to assist Hospice and Palliative Care patients in a variety of ways; primarily involving home visits or supportive phone calls to patients and their families.

First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon has generously agreed to sponsor a training for Rockcastle County residents on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Those who attend will sit in on sessions about the hospice and palliative care philosophy, including specifics on handling grief, the dy-

ing process, and how to help patients live with dignity and quality of life. For more information on the training session, or to register, contact Olivia Quiggins at Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or 1-800-806-5492. The session is free and open to the public.

Volunteers from Rockcastle are particularly needed. There are currently no active volunteers representing Hospice in the county, yet patients and families in the community need volunteer support. Some of the benefits of volunteering include an increased involvement with your community, support from the entire Hospice staff, a chance to meet new friends, and the satisfaction of making a difference in another person's

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