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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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AUTUMN'S GLORY

DAHLIAS: AN ADDICTION WAITING TO BLOSSOM-- Page 27

They resemble peonies, water lilies, cactus flowers or orchids. With more the 50,000 variations in size, form and color and blooms from June until frost, dahlias are a late-season gardener's best friend. With dahlia societies, competitions and museums as evidence, this easy-to-grow perennial's popularity is sky-high. *Midwest Living* offers stunning photography, useful facts and growing tips, a guide to visiting dahlia farms and gardens and details on how to order your own dahlias by mail.

2006 DOOR COUNTY IDEA HOME: BRINGING THE OUTDOORS IN-- Page 42/131

Door County, Wisconsin, with its calming blue waters, harbor views and spectacular sunsets, played host to *Midwest Living's* 2006 Idea Home. Overlooking the waters of Green Bay, the getaway, and eventual retirement home, offers innovative products and design that will inspire homeowners to create an escape of their own. *Midwest Living* offers readers tips inspired by the home, including bringing the outdoors in, connecting airy rooms, streamlining kitchens to make them comfortable living spaces, and making your home guest-friendly.

TOUGH TREES: RUGGED & OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY -- Page 47

Find a tough tree – one that can withstand a variety of weather to provide shade in the summer windbreak in the fall, as well as fend off pests and disease – with the help of *Midwest Living's* tough tree guide. Learn about top small ornamentals and large trees for shade that will stand the test of time, climate, pests, rambunctious kids and more.

MIDWEST HAUNTED HISTORY -- Page 56

Take a spooky adventure this Halloween with some of the Midwest's most haunted events. Macomb, Illinois, offers the Haunted Dead Walk, Chicago has its Supernatural Tours, Wichita its Downtown Ghost Walk. *Midwest Living* explains where to uncover the haunted lore of the land this Halloween season.

BIKER BREAKFAST -- Page 71

Black leather jackets, sturdy boots, calfskin gloves and Bread Pudding with Banana Maple Sauce? Members of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) in Palatine, Illinois, hit the open road on Sundays, like many bikers, but they are out for more than just the adrenaline rush and fresh air. Destined for fine cuisine, HOG members set out once a month for a dining destination within a two-hour ride. Try some HOG favorites at home with recipes for **Roseti** (a Swiss potato cake), **Chicken Divan Omelet**, **Glazed Orange Rolls**, **Grilled Prawns with Apple Chutney** and **Baked Lemon-Peppered Cod**.

SCENIC TRAILS -- Page 87

Hike, bike and paddle your way through fall with *Midwest Living's* routes to lead you through vibrant color to unmatched views and trailside inns. The ultimate autumn experience can be found on both the Midwest's most popular and undiscovered trails, rivers, streams and quiet downtown blocks.

COFFEEHOUSE PERKS -- Page 99

A great cup of coffee is easy to find in the Midwest, thanks to the shops ranging from global franchises to boutique drive-thrus in seemingly every town. But what about the memorable baked treats, the added perk in a wake-up call? *Midwest Living* searched the scene for the best muffins, cookies, scones and more, offering you the recipes to make delicious coffeehouse treats at home. Try **Simon's Fudge Brownie Cheesecake Muffins** and **Ginger Cookies, Capers' Chocolate**

Espresso Walnut Tiles, Berry Scones from Delice, Jerabek's Baked Apple Donuts or Mooselips' Pumpkin Cheesecake.

PASSION FOR THE PLAINS -- Page 119

Endless vistas and teeming wildlife await travelers who visit a pair of scenic Kansas byways for a wide-open brand of fall driving. *Midwest Living* offers two Kansas drives that showcase the grasslands' expansive beauty with a guide for what to watch for (fossils, plants, animals, wetlands) and tips for how see nature better.

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