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About Our Cover:

With the shorter days and cooler temperatures of autumn come much needed days of relief for golf course superintendents. These are beautiful days, beauty due in no small measure to the deciduous trees found on Wisconsin golf courses. As chlorophyll production declines in the tree leaves, their green color fades and colors imparted by carotenes, xanthophylls and anthocyanins take center stage. As the autumn days go by, reds and purples and yellows and oranges overwhelm the summertime green. The result makes fall a special time in Wisconsin. Artist Jennifer Samerdyke has captured, in form and color, the tree leaves that give Wisconsin nature's most colorful show.

*O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!
Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!
Thy mists, that roll and rise!
Thy woods, this autumn day, that ache
and sag*

And all but cry with colour!

— Edna St. Vincent Millay



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