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FASTERN REPRESENTATIVE Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Mass.



DAHLIA SEEDS:

In response to many requests we are offering for sale this year for the first time a limited quantity of Dahlia Seeds. Heretofore we have never been able to procure more of the only kind of seed that is worth experimenting with than was required for our own planting. This year we made a special effort and have been successful in saving a limited surplus quantity which we are glad to offer to our patrons. This seed has been carefully segregated into two kinds:

1. Hand-pollenized seeds from the very largest and best varieties which are the kind of seeds we plant ourselves and from which our own outstanding originations have come. Price per 100 seeds......\$10.00 net.

2. Seeds gathered from the best varieties, carefully selected but not hand-pollenized.

DAHLIA COLLECTIONS:

For those who wish to take advantage of the special price reductions available when buying dahlias in collection lots, we are making two special offers for 1932 delivery:

to from 2 to 3 times that obtained when buying according to the catalogue list price.

ing to catalogue price, and is the most economical dahlia investment you can make.

ORDER EARLY—Shipments are made about April 1st unless otherwise specified. WE GUARANTEE that all roots are sent true to name and in good growing condition. Prices listed are for field grown root divisions. REMITTANCE should be made with order unless other arrangements have been made. FULL DIRECTIONS for the care of your dahlia garden are enclosed with each ship-ment.

EXPLANATION OF TYPES-according to the new American Dahlia Society classification.

- INFORMAL DECORATIVE (I. D.)-Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long, twisted or pointed petals, and often irregular in arrangement.
- FORMAL DECORATIVE (F. D.)—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad, flat petals, often rounded at the tips, and regular in arrangement.
- CACTUS (C.)—Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, but rolled more than half their length.
- SEMI-CACTUS (S. C.)—Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.
- PEONY (P.)-Semi-double flowers showing a bright yellow center, having small twisted petals circling about the center.

OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1932

- FURY--(For. Dec.) Rose and copper with a reverse of deep rose. This is a huge dahlia of rather odd but pleasing color. First flowers will measure 11 or 12 inches in diameter and the size is well maintained through the whole season. The plant of medium height is a good producer and every flower counts as the centers are always closed and the stems satisfactory. Fine for garden decoration and for use in a collection of large dahlias......\$10.00

- NARCISSA—(Semi-cactus.) Bright daffodil yellow. We wanted a name that would express the freshness and warmth of early spring for this dahlia and could think of nothing more appropriate than the daffodil and the other yellow flowers of the narcissus family. In the full formation of the flower there is also further suggestion of the double daffodil. This dahlia averages 8 or 9 inches across and is another that grows straight up on a long perfect stem. It is striking in the garden, dignified when cut, and has no faults whatever.....\$10.00
- SATAN—(Semi-Cactus.) Flaming red with a slight touch of gold at the center. The exquisite coloring is at once fascinating, but what formation and stems. The horn-like petals, so perfectly rolled and incurved, give rare form and character to a flower of unusual brilliancy. The rugged, almost leafless, stems give the impression of being nearly as thick at the top as at the base. Large, fine blooms, which last a long time when cut as well as on the bush, continue to the very end of the season. The flower in the accompanying photograph

was 121/2 inches in diameter and over $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth. Satan was the dahlia sensation on the Pacific Coast this year and its performance in the East has been equally as good as in the land of its nativity. In consequence it has been given a place on both the Eastern and the Western 1931 Dahlia Honor Rolls of the American Home Magazine of New York, with finest recommendations. Mr. Derrill Hart commenting on it states-"Surely this variety will be a temptation to any dahlia fan and better still he will not give himself cause for regret in yielding to this color sensation, one of the most brilliant we have seen in any dahlia. Only a few dahlias would feel com-fortable near this one." Mr. Warwick S. Carpenter says-"Horn-like petals of flaming red blend suggestive shape with color. . . Those who like to see personality in their flowers should be in-trigued with Satan." Patent covoring this new denerture covering this new departure in dahlias is pending....\$25.00



TIFFANY—(Inf. Dec.) Bright apricot with a golden sheen. Good substance in a dahlia nowadays is a necessary requisite. We have discarded many seedlings for no other reason than that they lacked this quality. Flowers of good substance, delightful coloring and interesting formation, are the distinguishing features of this new variety. The average size of this dahlia is about 10 inches. Stems are long and wiry. O. K. in every respect......\$10.00

OTHER DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN CREATION

- ACHIEVEMENT—(S. C.) (Ballay) Gold with bronze shadings. On page 5 there is a cut of this dahlia which in 1930 won the American Home Achievement Medal as the best new introduction west of the Rocky Mountains and from which it took its name. On the 1931 Roll of Honor Mr. Derrill Hart states it was "an outstanding dahlia in all the Eastern shows" and Mr. Carpenter calls it "truly an achievement as thorough trials both East and West amply demonstrate". Doubtless it is one of the largest and best dahlias to date. Many blooms will measure over 12 inches with corresponding depth and on absolutely perfect stems. The flower has a pleasing informal appearance with the petals curled and twisted in an artistic fashion. and its good substance insures a wealth of perfect blooms under all weather conditions. With these qualities which are consistent in all localities, and backed up by the honors it has received, we predict this is a dahlia that will hold its place for many years to come

- CELESTE—(I. D.) Lilac pink overlaid with carmine. A very handsome large flower that is attractive especially because of its peculiar shadings of color. The well branched plant produces deep, well built blooms over a long period. There are no faults noticeable to take from the general usefulness of this valuable addition to dahlias of this color range......\$7.50

- CONQUISTADOR—(S. C.) Soft creamy yellow shading to a glowing pink at the base of the petals. The pink coloring is very pronounced and gives to the flower the appearance of being illuminated from within. This is a dahlia built on a massive plan. The plant is extraordinarily tall and the flowers can be cut with 4-foot stems. The bloom is in proportion, being regular, rather coarse petaled, broad and deep. Moreover, the texture of the flower is of the same vigorous quality, not being easily soiled by wind, sun or moisture. Twice this dahlia won the Gold Medal as the Best Dahlia in the Show at San Leandro, "the largest flower show in the west". Roll of Honor. See illustration on back cover.....\$3.50
- DAHLIAMUM—(S. C.) Clear bright yellow. A dahlia that has a chrysanthemum-like appearance, hence the name. While we have from time to time received good reports on this variety, we feel it is a dahlia that should be better known in fairness to its merits. It has been called by florists the perfect dahlia because it combines size and beauty with the lasting qualities necessary for their purpose. The price is now within the reach of all......\$2.00



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- DONNA CALIFORNIA—(I. D.) Deep rose pink suffused with lavender. The color is not new but it is doubtless the largest dahlia by far of that coloring. In fact it is one of the largest dahlias that we have ever grown in our gardens, 12-inch blooms having been produced without effort through a long period. The flower is not particularly heavy considering its great size, as its even petal formation is loosely arranged rather than solid. The stems are very strong and very long. A prize winner and Roll of Honor dahlia. See illustration on page 7 ________ \$7.50
- FABIOLA—(F. D.) Pure unshaded lavender. This is a large and good dahlia in the most pleasing shade of lavender. In November the color was still unchanged and the full broad petaled flowers would still have been suitable for exhibition. The first blooms are rather short stemmed and should be disbudded accordingly in order to bring the next crop well out of the bushes. A variety that will appeal particularly to those who judge a dahlia by its late blooms _______ \$2.50

- FORTUNA—(F. D.) Bright rose pink, at different seasons varying in intensity of coloring, the last flowers being of a peculiar deep rose tint. This variety is of good size, deep and heavy, with a stem sufficiently strong to hold it up proudly under all conditions. Never fades in the sunshine. Very sturdy bush of medium height, well branched, requires little disbudding _______\$2.50
- GABRIEL—(S. C.) Carmine pink, or what might be termed "watermelon". Gabriel is an early and free bloomer and the blooms are really spectacular. Very large and deep, they lead the garden in interest in the early season. As the season advances the stem is not always good especially if the plant is allowed to become too bushy. All things considered, we can recommend it as a dahlia that will bring the grower much pleasure and cause his friends to gasp and wonder _______ \$7.50
- JOVE—(F. D.) Bronze pink. Pink or salmon is the predominant color with the bronze coloring somewhat accented toward the center. The flower is quite large, having won in years past as the largest and best dahlia in such shows as Santa Monica, San Jose and Alameda. The stem is strong and straight, and it is quite as impressive as a garden variety as it is in the show room _______\$1.50

- LOUVAIN—(F. D.) Brown rose. This is the color as near as we can express it. The predominating shade is decidedly a light or golden brown, with a suggestion of old rose on the reverse side of the petals which shows through slightly. Grows perfectly straight on a long stem. A large but not massive flower of finest formation......\$1.50



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- MAYFAIR—(I. D.) Deep old rose with a slight violet suffusion. A big, bold flower, deep and full, and of a very charming color. Long, strong stems that are good early in the season but will droop slightly as the season advances. Plant is of sturdy growth and is always in bloom. This is a variety that attracts a lot of attention and is very handsome whether growing or cut _______\$2.50
- NAVARRE—(I. D.) Flaming orange. In this dahlia there is color of intense brilliancy. It is as rich and bright as it would seem possible for a color to be. The bloom is only of medium size but is nowise insignificant. Formation and stem are always good. We have found it very useful for cutting and it was very popular with those who were looking for varieties for household decoration ______\$2.50

- POLOMA—(F. D.) Pale lavender shading deeper toward the edge of the petals. The delicate coloring is both pleasing and unusual. The compact flower is composed of regularly formed petalage which folds back well toward the stem, giving a ball-shaped effect, although it belongs truly to the decorative class. This solid formation makes a special appeal to certain dahlia fans, and to these we can say that this is a particularly good one of this type

- SULTANA—(I. D.) Bright scarlet shading to a gold center, the brightest, most pleasing color imaginable, of velvet-like texture, reverse of petals also gold. Here is another dahlia of enormous size, which continues until quite late, but it was at the height of the season that this variety made its special appeal. It is one of those that calls to you from across the field and there are still many people whose favorite color in dahlias is red. This is one that is hard to beat in its class and has every good quality\$5.00

GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

- AZTEC GLORY—I. D. (Broomall-Success) Bright primrose yellow. A very large dahlia both as to diameter and depth. The formation of the flower is oval rather than flat and loosely arranged rather than solid. The plant is of medium height and the stems are good......\$2.00
- BAGDAD-I. D. (Redfern) Rich bright red. This is a new dahlia of large size, excellent formation and good coloring. It is especially adapted to a warm location where its full formation develops to perfection. A very strong stem adds to its general usefulness. Roll of Honor dahlia \$7.50

- DORIS FELLOWS—F. D. (Fellows) Soft vellow shading to salmon and amber. This dahlia from the Northwest proved itself worthy this year when growing under California conditions. The large full flowers are produced freely on good strong stems. It is striking in the garden and useful for cutting _________\$5.00

- EDNA FERBER—S. C. (Fisher & Masson) Coral shading to pale gold. A fine strong grower with excellent habit. The flowers which are composed of many long waving petals are large and held up well on the stem. One of the most popular of Eastern introductions...... \$2.00
- F. W. BUTLER—F. D. (Boston) Gold heavily suffused with deep red. A very large deep flower, the originator describing it as her largest introduction. The plant is of medium height and carries the heavy blooms well. The flower is quite regularly formed with a full solid center \$15.00

- JANE COWL-I. D. (Downs) Bronzy buff shading to gold at the center. This is one of the most popular dahlas of recent years. Originated in New Jersey, it appears to adapt itself readily to all localities and has won prizes in many parts of the country. The large flower grows upright on an ideal stem and the strong foliage is habitually clean and healthy..**\$2.00**
- JOY-F. D. (Boston) Clear silvery lavender throughout, "Shudow's Lavender" without any white shading and with the same excellent qualities as the older dahlia\$2.50
- JUDGE LEON McCORD—F. D. (Boston) Deep gold with old rose reverse. A large deep flower of regular formation. The plant has a vigorous habit of growth and the flowers keep well \$5.00
- JULLINAR—F. D. (Newson) Lavender suffused with pink. An early blooming variety that has an extra long strong stem. The large flowers are well formed and deep and their beauty is enhanced by the lively green foliage of the plant\$10.00

- MISSION BELL-I. D. (Tivoli) Bright pink with a touch of magenta. This is a beautiful flower of fine coloring and large size. Stems and centers are always good. Prize winner....\$2.50

- MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE—I. D. (Murphy-Success) Dark red with garnet shadings. Winner of the Achievement Medal this year at Boston and also winner of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's trophy. Named in honor of the originator who in his lifetime sent out some popular dahlias. This new 1932 introduction is naturally large and with excellent habits. Roll of Honor dahlia. We are very pleased to be permitted to list it in advance \$15.00
- PATRICIA JEAN—S. C. (Garrity) Clear white with petals lightly veined through the center. In this white dahlia we have a large semi-cactus that is held erect on a perfectly rigid stem. The last flowers were as large and beautiful as the first and it bloomed freely...\$5.00

- SANTA BARBARA—F. D. (Pelicano) Clear pink with a slight salmon suffusion. A consistent prize winner ever since it made its first appearance. 1929 Achievement Medal winner. This is an all-around good dahlia. The color is most desirable, the large flower is always perfectly formed, and the stem is unquestionably good\$3.00



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