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“ORCHES OF BEAUTY” is an apt description of a collection of gladioli, whether lifting their stately spikes in the garden or displayed in appropriate setting indoors. They present a riot of color, from white through delicate shades of pink to deepest crimson, varying shades of yellow and rare blues.

No other Summer flower is so popular. Florists' windows here in the Northwest are practically monopolized by gladioli from mid-July well into October. And think of being able to cut whole armfuls of these gorgeous flowers from your own garden, with the assurance that they will expand every bud in the house! They retain their attractiveness a week at least, if the withered flowers are removed from the lower stem.

When the Flowers Are Cut

Have you ever used a handsome bowl, supporting a few spikes of gladioli in a heavy glass frog at the bottom, and adding lots of the sword-like leaves, with perhaps a stalk or two of unopened buds? The effect is most artistic and natural. The cheaper mixed bulbs can be bought in quantity to furnish generous foliage.

For table decoration, try using the flowers in low, flat arrangements, with ferns or other foliage as a foundation. If placed on the table just before dinner or luncheon no water will be necessary, for the decoration will remain perfect for a couple of hours or more.

In gathering the flowers a slanting cut is best.

Everyone Can Have Them

So modest are the prices for many really beautiful sorts, a slender purse is no bar to having a fine display in the most unpre-



tentious garden, while for the discriminating flower lover of means there are choice novelties in rare and subtle shades.

Mass planting, by the hundred or the thousand, gives a sheet of color not soon forgotten, and at a time when other flowers are conspicuously absent—July and August. Gladioli are used to advantage in shrubbery plantings, or with roses.

Cultivation

Planting gladioli is a particularly satisfactory proceeding, for the gardener is assured in advance that the plump, brown bulbs will give a good account of themselves if placed in ordinarily good soil and a sunny location.

If your soil is heavy, four or five inches deep is the proper planting, but usually six inches is best, as flower stalks are then better supported. The bulbs can be six inches apart in the row, the rows a foot apart. A space six by ten feet will accommodate a hundred bulbs nicely.

By successional planting every two weeks, from March first to June first, you can have an abundance of bloom until frost.

At the Seashore

If you have a cottage at the seashore, gladioli are ideal for planting there. They grow and bloom splendidly, furnishing flowers during July and August—just when you want them.

Harvesting the Bulbs

After the first frost, take up the bulbs and let them dry in the sunshine for three or four days, then cut off the tops a half inch from the bulbs, and remove the old withered portion from the bottom. Dry a day or two longer and store in an open box or tray in a cool basement or other well-ventilated place, safe from frost.

Vigor More Important Than Size

The bulbs I offer are of superior quality. Some are large,



some are of very moderate size (dependent upon variety), but all are the right age to give the best results. No attempt is made to compete with those grown with less care.

As Gifts

The lasting quality of the flowers, and their lack of fragrance, make them especially welcome to an invalid or convalescent. And they are always acceptable as gifts. If your card is sent with the order, it will be placed in the box of flowers—or bulbs.

When You Entertain

From July to October flowers for decoration may be had at Gladiolus Farm. Gladioli are 75 cents to \$1.25 a dozen, with special price on large quantities. Other varieties of flowers are frequently available.



- AMERICA:** Pale pink, tinged lavender. Per dozen, 50 cents. Per hundred, \$3.00
- ANNA EBERIUS:** Soft, deep magenta. New and extra fine. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00
- BARON JOSEF HULOT:** Dark, velvety purple, with yellow lines in throat. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00
- BLUE JAY:** Porcelain blue, with markings of deeper blue and white, an iris-like effect. Large flowers. True Blue Jay is rare. Each, 40 cents. Per dozen, \$4.00
- BUTTERFLY:** Brilliant salmon, throat double blotched maroon. Flower resembles a flying butterfly. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$9.00
- CHARLEMAGNE:** French variety of beautiful coloring. Sunrise red, with deeper pencillings. Very large. Per dozen, \$3.00. Per hundred, \$18.00
- D. J. WHITNEY:** Exquisite salmon flesh. Bulbs at "Gladiolus Farm" often threw up two spikes and developed as many as fifty flowers. A high class, proven novelty. Each, \$1.50. Per dozen, \$15.00

- ETENDARD:** Blush petals, throat marked with vivid crimson spots, outlined in clear yellow. One of the finest sorts brought from France. Each, 40 cents. Per dozen, \$4.00
- EUROPE:** Purest and best white introduced to date. Chaste as an Easter Lily. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00
- EVELYN KIRTLAND:** A grand coral pink, flowers wide open and exceptionally graceful spike. New. Per dozen, \$3.00. Per hundred, \$18.00
- FAUST:** Big flowers of deep wine. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00
- GLORY:** Ruffled cream petals, apricot throat. Robust grower. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00
- GLORY OF HOLLAND:** White with red splashed throat. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00
- GOLDEN KING:** Massive yellow with maroon throat. Stems often curved. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$9.00
- GOLDEN WEST:** Orange red, a new shade in gladioli. Throat is spotted like a Tiger Lily. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred \$7.50
- HALLEY:** Coral with yellow throat. Very early and desirable. A standard with florists. Per dozen, 60 cents. Per hundred \$4.00
- HERADA:** Tall spike of extra large flowers, clear, glistening mauve. Per dozen \$2.50. Per hundred, \$15.00
- IDA VAN:** Cherry red of velvet texture. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred \$9.00
- JANE DIEULAFOY:** Cream with chestnut spot. Especially graceful. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred, \$7.50
- LILIAN WEBB:** Velvety cherry red, the color so often seen in imported French artificial flowers. Noticeably straight and slender spike—it will add a distinctive note to any garden. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$9.00
- LILY LEHMAN:** Cream colored flowers, splashed pink, and lily shaped. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00
- LOVELINESS:** Beautiful combination of creamy background, shades rose and apricot. Per dozen \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00
- MARY FENNEL:** Soft lavender petals, shading into creamy yellow throat. Per dozen, \$2.50. Per hundred, \$18.00
- MEPHISTOPHELES:** Red, black and yellow in vivid contrast produce a remarkable flower. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$14.00
- MRS. COTHRAN:** A blending of ashes of roses and crushed strawberry. Appeals to lovers of the unusual. Per dozen, \$3.00. Per hundred, \$22.00

MRS. DR. NORTON: White, edges suffused with softest pink. The lower petals are blotched with sulphur yellow, with fine specks of pink. Vigorous and free flowering. The most beautiful of late introductions. Each, \$1.50. Dozen, \$15.00

MRS. FRANCIS KING: Scarlet. Fine in garden masses and for cutting. Most popular of all. Per dozen, 60 cents. Per hundred, \$3.50

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON, JR.: Tender pink with crimson velvet blotches on lower petals, like a huge Martha Washington geranium. Nothing finer. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

MRS. W. E. FRYER: Glowing red, heavily ruffled. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$10.50

MRS. WILLIAM KENT: Fawn, shading to ashes of roses. This is new coloring in gladioli, and very beautiful. Per dozen, \$3.00. Per hundred, \$22.00

MYRTLE: Arbutus pink. Has created a sensation in eastern flower markets. Per dozen, \$2.50. Per hundred, \$15.00

NIAGARA: Creamy yellow, often suffused pink. Tall and strong. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred \$7.50

NORMA D. CHILDS: Charming light pink, lemon yellow throat, an exquisite effect. Per dozen, \$3.00. Per hundred, \$20.00

PANAMA: Soft deep pink, with silver frosted sheen in the sunlight. Fine under artificial light. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred, \$8.00

PEACE: White with lilac feathering in throat. Massive foliage and spike. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$9.00

PINK PERFECTION: Apple blossom pink. A single spike in full bloom is a whole bouquet. Half a dozen are a decoration. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

PRINCIPINE: Crimson with white throat. Nothing brightens a garden more effectively. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS: Shades of delicate yellow, in combination with various soft and unusual colorings have given them the name "Nasturtium Gladioli." Strain offered won first prize at the Boston Gladiolus Show the past Summer. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred \$7.50

PRINCE OF INDIA: Every year finds more enthusiasts for this absolutely unique flower, whose coloring is so rich and yet so subdued. Ashes of roses with smoke and slate blue markings. Each, 50 cents. Per dozen, \$5.50

ROSELLA: Big flower of true cerise, white and purple throat. Soft and at the same time brilliant. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

ROUGE TORCH: Creamy petals and crimson throat, a delicate, graceful stem. Can you imagine a more beautiful combination? From France. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per hundred, \$8.00





VIRIDIFLORA: Yellow and green tones, scarlet spotted throat. Per dozen, \$1.25. Per hundred, \$7.50

WAMBA: Soft, pastel shade of salmon. An irregular, loosely petalled flower. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

WAR: Magnificent crimson, considered by many the finest gladiolus grown. Conspicuous in any collection. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

WILLY WIGMAN: Blush with rose spotted throat. Especially suited to table decoration. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00

WINSOME: Rosy lavender blotches on a ground of lighter tone. Very wide open flowers. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

YELLOW GIANTS (formerly Schwaben): Immense creamy yellow flowers, on massive stems. One of the very finest. A bed of these is truly impressive. Per dozen, \$2.00. Per hundred, \$12.00

MIXTURES

Mixtures have a charm all their own, and hold the element of daily surprise during the blooming season. The higher class ones are decidedly worth while.

CHOICE MIXED: Excellent for large plantings, or interesting in small ones, for there is great range of color. Per dozen, 50 cents. Per hundred, \$3.00

NAMED MIXED: Composed of remnants and accidental mixtures, many very desirable kinds included. One of my best values. Per hundred, \$4.50

DIENER'S SEEDLINGS: Delicate shades. Exquisite mixture of new, unnamed sorts. A hundred of these will be the most fascinating feature of your garden. Per dozen, \$1.00. Per hundred, \$6.00

COLLECTIONS

The following collections afford a convenient and economical method of ordering—they make especially pleasing gifts:

COLLECTION A—\$1.00

Three bulbs each of America, pale pink; Jane Dieulafoy, cream; Independence, salmon pink; Mrs. Francis King, scarlet; Baron Josef Hulot, purple; Glory, ruffled cream.

COLLECTION B—\$3.50

Three bulbs each of Norma D. Childs, delicate pink; Ida Van, velvety cherry red; Blue Jay, rare blue; Pink Perfection, apple blossom pink; Rouge Torch, creamy blush; War, glowing crimson; Europe, pure white; Mrs. Frank Pendleton, grand pink.

COLLECTION C—\$10.00

One bulb of each named sort listed in this folder. Regular value would be over \$12.00. Includes all the high-class, expensive novelties.

Two bulbs of each—COLLECTION D—\$18.00

In collections C and D each bulb (or pair of bulbs) will be in paper bag containing wired wooden label, ready to attach to garden stake, and bearing name of variety.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER

As an incentive to very liberal planting, I offer a choice mixture in small bulbs, ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch diameter at only \$1.50 per hundred, \$12.00 the thousand, all charges prepaid. Practically all will bloom this season if planted early. Many named kinds are included. Club with friends and get a thousand.

Not Less Than 100 Sold at This Price

Some Other Plants Worth Having

Visitors to Gladiolus Farm have often admired perennials grown for our own pleasure, and the plants have increased so fast that I am offering just a few of them. They should be planted in early Spring, and will give pleasure for years. Will send strong plants, and prepay.

JAPANESE ANEMONE: Queen Charlotte. Four feet tall, lovely single flowers of silvery pink. Fine for cutting. Each, 25 cents. Per dozen, \$2.50.

ASTOR: A new variety growing 6 feet tall. Bears a cloud of single purple flowers with golden centers. Soon makes a big clump. Very choice. Each, 50 cents. Per dozen, \$5.00.

COREOPSIS: About two feet tall. Daisy-like flowers of bright yellow. Extremely free flowering. Each, 15 cents. Per dozen, \$1.50.

ERYNGIUM: Might be called the blue thistle flower. One kind bears big flowers, four or five in a cluster, of beautiful steely blue; the other has many small flowers on a tall stem, both overlaid with an amethyst sheen. Either kind is exquisite. Small flowering, Each 25 cents. Per dozen, \$2.50. Large flowering, Each 35 cents. Per dozen, \$3.50.

GEUM: Crimson flowers, usually semi-double like little roses, borne continuously through the Summer. Two feet tall. Attractive foliage. Extra strong plants. Each, 25 cents. Per dozen, \$2.50.

HEUCHERA: "Coral Bells" is the common name for this. Delicate, pendulous flowers of bright rose, many on a stem, arranged in most graceful manner. Extra strong plants. Each, 25 cents. Per dozen, \$2.00.

HEILANTHUS SPARSIFOLIUS: Six feet tall. Single yellow sunflowers, small and attractive, with darker center. Increases fast and is popular for cutting. Each, 15 cents. Per dozen, \$1.50.



PERENNIAL PHLOX-PANTHENON: Cheerful bright pink, with delightful old-fashioned fragrance.

Each, 20 cents. Per dozen, \$2.00

(I have other Phloxes, if interested, write me.)

PERENNIAL SUNFLOWER: In Fall a mass of golden yellow flowers, perfectly double; three feet tall. Splendid in front of aster offered, which blooms at same time.

Each, 20 cents. Per dozen, \$2.00.

SAXIFRAGE: A creeping, fleshy plant suitable for rock gardens or edging. Delicate pink flowers in airy clusters. Each, 20 cents. Per dozen, \$2.00

ORDER EARLY WHILE ASSORTMENT IS COMPLETE. SHIPMENT AT ANY DESIRED TIME.

An Invitation

FROM July until October the flowers are worth seeing, while Gladiolus Farm itself is so romantically situated at the meeting of the Bull Run and Sandy Rivers that the views repay the trip. It is twenty-two miles east of Portland ON MAIN BULL RUN ROAD, and on bluff overlooking the Pipe Line Bridge. Hard surfaced road to Gresham, then excellent gravel. Watch for "Gladiolus Farm" signs on last third of road.

Instructions for Ordering

Bulbs and plants are sent prepaid at prices quoted. One-half dozen bulbs at dozen rate. Fifty bulbs at hundred rate. Delivery made any time after January first, but whenever delivery is desired early ordering is recommended while assortment is complete.

Remittance (or bank reference) should accompany the order—either check or postal money order. Postage stamps accepted for orders up to \$1.00.

The greatest care is taken to supply bulbs true to name. Errors will be gladly rectified to the extent of replacing bulbs, but no further responsibility is assumed.

Make remittances payable to

W. L. Crissey

Gladiolus Farm

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