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Dahlias

Liberty Dahlia Gardens
Liberty, Missouri

To Our Patrons and Friends:

We regret very much that our catalogue is not as attractive this year as it has been in the past, the reason for which is; we have sold to the wholesale trade many of our varieties, also the past season we lost many of our varieties that were planted on low ground. The stock that we now have on hand is the best that we have ever grown.

It has been our intention to not issue a catalogue this season, however we have had so many calls for catalogues, that we are mailing this price list, and list only those varieties that we have stock to spare.

For orders amounting to \$3.00 or more you will be allowed to select 15 per cent additional stock. If you leave the selection to us we will send you 20 per cent additional.

Thanking you for your past favors, we are

Yours very truly,
Liberty Dahlia Gardens

Our Guarantee

We guarantee that all orders will reach you in good condition.

We take every precaution to have all stock genuine and true to name and description. We cannot, however, give and warrantee (expressed or implied) as to results and can not be responsible beyond that of replacing stock not true to name or refunding the price paid at time of purchase. Having no control over them after delivery, we do not guarantee them to live and thrive. But we do rely upon the intelligence of our patrons in realizing with us that we or no other person can control the life of a bulb or the results therefrom.

Any unsatisfactory bulbs must be returned within ten days from date of shipment, with the original label attached.

Classes of Dahlias

Dahlias are divided into a number of classes, some of which are the Decorative, Cactus, Peony, Show, Century and Pompon.

The Decorative dahlias have flowers that are open wide and flat, full to the center, petals overlapping. Some of largest flowers are found in this class and are used extensively for cut flowers. This class is considered by many to be the best type of all dahlias.

Cactus; this type is quite different from any of the others, having long narrow pointed, tubular and twisted petals. Flowers resemble the chrysanthemum.

Peony; flowers resemble the semi-double Japanese peonies, the flowers showing a yellow center and semi-double, petals sometimes curved and twisted. Flowers of this type are unusually large and graceful.

Show; this is the oldest type, petals are quilled. The modern show dahlias however are still grown for cut flowers and are among the most beautiful of all dahlias.

Century or Single; has but one row of petals, with large open center.

Pompon are the same as the show, except in size, being much smaller.

Ayesha—(Decorative) Clear light yellow of beautiful and regular form. Strong vigorous grower. Blooms extra large stems long that hold the blooms above the foliage. 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Attraction—(Cactus) Large flowers of a clear lilac color, petals curled or twisted. It certainly is an attraction, must be seen to be appreciated. A dahlia of rare merit. Price \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per dozen.

A. D. Livoni—(Show) Clear pink, beautifully quilled and of perfect form. Blooms are carried well above the foliage.

Extra good for cut flowers. No collection is complete without this variety. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per doz.

Arabella—(Show) Light sulphur yellow, shaded pink on the edges. A very dainty flower and a good bloomer. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Baron Schroeder—(Decorative) One of the best dahlias that we have and one that is a favorite with visitors to our gardens, color light purple, blooms well. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Beloit—(Decorative) Blooms are always large, color a bright glowing crimson. A variety that is sure to give satisfaction. This variety is listed by some as a cactus but we believe that it belongs to the decorative class. Price 75c each, \$8.00 per dozen.

Clara Seaton—(Show) A pure, rich golden orange buff of giant size. One of the finest dahlias of this type. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Countess of Lonsdale—(Cactus) Of all the dahlias it has been our pleasure to grow, Countess of Lonsdale is our favorite. Its habit of growth, freedom of bloom, the unusual and attractive blending of the rich salmon pink and amber color make one of the prettiest flowers that grow. No dahlia is the superior of this variety, twenty to sixty grand blooms open at one time on a single plant is not uncommon. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Charminster—(Decorative) A peculiar suffusion of creamy-white salmon and rosy-flesh, producing a very pleasing salmon rose effect. Price 75c each, \$8.00 per dozen.

Caleb Powers—(Show) Extra large pink, one of the finest and best. Price 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Dream—(Decorative) A peculiar peach pink shade with an amber like glow. Flowers are borne on long stiff stems, which hold them free above the foliage. One of the leaders for cut flowers and is sure to please. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Delice—(Decorative) A dahlia that every one should grow, whether for cut flowers or for decorative purposes. Its soft, yet lively color, a glowing rose pink, makes it a favorite with all who see it. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Duchess of Marlboro—(Cactus) A magnificent dahlia, golden orange overlaid solferino. Flowers large and produced on long stems. Price 60c each, \$6.00 per dozen.

Duchess of Brunswick—(Peony) A beautiful variety, many good qualities, color a beautiful shade of red in center outside of the florets being apricot. Price \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per dozen.

Dorothy Peacock—(Show) Large and perfect. Color, a sea shell pink, one of the very best dahlias grown. This dahlia is always the first to bloom, and blooms through the season no matter how hot the weather may be. A collection of dahlias that does not contain this variety is not complete. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Dreers White—(Show) A pure white, one of the best white dahlias that we have. The only fault with this variety, is that its blooms are so large that the stem cannot support them. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Etendard de Lyon—(Hybrid cactus) A distinct shape from all the others. Petals are broad, curved wavy, forming a flower fully six inches in diameter and four inches deep, making a large flower, but not coarse. Color a rich carmine rose, with a brilliant suffusion that is difficult to describe. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Elsie Burgess—(Show) A vigorous grower, the large, perfect flowers are borne on straight stems of good length. Color is a delicate white ground tipped and suffused with lavender and faint pink. Price 30c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

Elsa—(Peony) Pure white, extra large blooms, considered by many to be better than Queen Wilhelmina. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Futurity—(Decorative) Beautiful shrimp pink or old rose color. Early wonderfully free and most constant bloomer. We have tried out many varieties of dahlias, but this variety comes nearer to our ideal dahlia than any we have ever grown. This variety will soon be the leader of its type and color for cut flowers. Price \$2.00 each, \$22.00 per dozen.

F. A. Butts—(Decorative) Blush white, good stems and extra free flowering. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Flamingo—(Decorative) Similar to Delice in color, a rich, glowing rose pink, blooms early and late, extra free bloomer and one that stands the hot dry weather, blooms frequently show an open center, but this does not distract from its beauty. Price 35 cents each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Frank A. Walker—(Decorative) A pleasing shade of lavender pink. Particularly brilliant under artificial light. Price 40c each, \$4.25 per dozen.

Golden Gate—(Cactus) Ground of deep golden yellow tinted bronze or russet. Flowers are of an immense size, on extra long stems. It blooms a little later than most of our other varieties, but we consider it one of our best. Price 30c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

Harmony—(Decorative) Early and free. Color a delicate rose. One that we grow largely for cut flowers. Price 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

H. J. Lovnik—(Peony) White, mauve shaded, very attractive. Price 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Hochsai—(Decorative) A clear golden orange, darker shaded in the center. Early and free flowering. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Insulinde—(Peony) Most beautiful golden orange. Flowers on stiff stems and held in horizontal position. Stock of this variety is hard to obtain and would advise that you place order early, as our stock is limited. Price \$2.00 each.

Johannesburg—(Cactus) Bright golden buff; flowers of good size, and one of the most attractive. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Jan Olieslager—(Decorative) Deep primrose yellow, Flowers large and of good form. Blooms well and a strong grower. Extra fine for cut flowers as the blooms keep in good condition for several days. Price 25c, each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Jack Rose—(Decorative) Color of the Jack Rose. Extra free bloomer for garden decoration it cannot be beat. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Jeanne Charmet—(Decorative) Pink, lilac at edge. Flowers large and a free bloomer. One of the handsomest dahlias that we grow. We recommend this variety. Price 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

J. H. Jackson—(Cactus) Finest dark red cactus. Price 25c, \$2.50 per dozen.

Kalif—(Cactus) A giant in size, frequently measuring nine inches in diameter, yet without any stiffness or formality. Its color is pure scarlet and flowers are produced very freely on long stiff stems, making it a good dahlia for cutting or for garden decoration. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Lyndhurst—(Decorative) Intense, rich scarlet, extra good variety. One of the best of its color for cut flowers. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

La Purity—(Cactus) White. Has many of the good qualities of Countess of Lonsdale, blooming early in the season and continuing good to the end of the season. Flowers are produced in great abundance and are of medium size and borne on long stems. We know of no white dahlia that is the equal of this variety for blooming. Price \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per dozen.

Lucero—Decorative, Bronzy Buff, long stems one of the best of the Autumn shade dahlias. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Mrs. C. H. Breck—(Decorative) Soft yellow suffused with carmine. A very beautiful dahlia. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Mina Burple—(Decorative) A free bloomer, producing large perfect flowers of a rich, luminous dark scarlet, on long stiff stems. This variety we consider the very best of its color. There may be some better, but we have never been able to find them. Price 35c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Marie M. Selma—(Decorative) A very attractive flower of a pure rich pink shade. Flowers are large with wavy, reflexed petals, making a flower of distinct and artistic form. Blooms are carried on long stems well above the foliage. Price 75c each, \$8.00 per dozen.

Minnie McCullough—(Decorative) Yellow, overlaid with bronze. A beautiful autumnal color. A very popular dahlia. Be sure and try a few of this variety. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Mlle. Marie Doucet—(Cactus) Mauve pink, shading to white at the center. A most beautiful dahlia. 40c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

Mrs. J. G. Gassett—(Decorative) Rose pink, fine stems and bloomer, the ideal dahlia for cut flowers. Extra choice variety. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Maude Adams—(Show) This is one of the best bloomers that we have and one of the best dahlias grown. Color a pure white, very effectively overlaid clear delicate pink. Flowers are borne on long wiry stems. The plant is extremely sturdy. A dahlia that is sure to please and one that we highly recommend. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Morning Star—(Pompon) White with pink suffusion. One of the best; extra fine for cut flowers. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Norma—(Show) Bright orange, a very attractive and free blooming dahlia. This variety is very useful for fall decorations and one that is sure to please. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Nibelungenhort—(Cactus) Beautiful shade of old rose, with apricot suffusions. Price 75c each, \$8.00 per dozen.

Nerthus—(Cactus) Good strong grower producing its flowers on long stems. A beautiful color combination hard to describe, center a rich, bronzy yellow, carmine rose at the tips of petals suffused with golden yellow. Price 75c each, \$8.00 per dozen.

Oregon Beauty—(Decorative) A dahlia that attracts the attention of all the visitors to our dahlia gardens by its rich color, and intense Oriental red overlaid with a golden sheen. A giant in size and an extra good bloomer. Price 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Pride of California—(Decorative) A brilliant, glowing cardinal red. A large flower on long stems. Price 50c each.

Perle de Lyon—(Cactus) Pure white. Price 20c each \$2.00 per dozen.

Princess Juliana—(Decorative) Early white dahlia, blooms very free until frost. One of the very best white dahlias. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Purple—We do not know the name of this purple decorative dahlia, so list it as purple. One of the freest blooming dahlias we have, color a pleasing shade of purple. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Queen Wilhelmina—(Peony) Large fluffy flowers, white with yellow center. Always a mass of bloom. Few dahlias bloom any more freely than this grand variety. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Red Hussar—(Show) Red. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Papa Charmet—(Decorative) Large, perfectly formed flowers of bright glowing velvet maroon, held well above the foliage on long stems, make this dahlia one of the best of its

color for cut flowers or decorative purposes. Price 50c each \$5.00 per dozen.

Patrick O'Mara—(Decorative) Rich chrome yellow, with salmon red suffusion. A dahlia that has won high honors at many shows throughout the country. Price \$1.25 each.

Penelope—(Show) White, overlaid lavender, a very choice show dahlia. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Roem van Nijkerk—(Peony) A remarkably handsome variety of a rich velvet purple color. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Rosalia—(Pompon) Yellow edged crimson. One of the very best pompons. Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Sylvia—(Decorative) Pink, white center, an old variety still used by florists. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Souvenir de Gustave Doazen—(Show) One of the largest dahlias grown. Color, orange red. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Sulphuria—(Cactus) Clear sulphur yellow. Petals are narrow, slightly rolled, whorled and reflexed, like an aster. Grows to an extra large size. This variety is worthy of being in your collection and one that we recommend. Price \$1.00 each.

Snow Clad—(Pompon) White. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Twentieth Century— Like Fringed Twentieth Century, only petals are not cleft. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Variiegated Listz—Duplex century, having at times an extra row of pedals. Very showy and attractive. Color a dark Oriental red, with yellow tips and markings. A favorite with all who see it. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Vivian—(Show) A very attractive dahlia, a wonderful blending of color. Flowers white, edged rose pink, extra large. Price 30c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

Wodan—(Cactus) Extra large flowers, a delicate salmon rose color, shading to old gold in the center, petals semi-incurved and tubular. Flowers produced on long stout stems. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

White Swan—(Show) Pure white, very free bloomer and one of the best. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Wm. Agnew—(Decorative) Orange scarlet. Good. Price 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Yellow Duke—(Show) A splendid primrose yellow. Extra long stems and a yellow second to none. Price 20c each \$2.00 per dozen.

Gladioli

The Gladioli are very easy to grow. The bulbs can be planted as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring (with us about the 15th of April), and to have a succession of blooms they should be planted at different times, about two weeks apart. Spade the ground deep and pulverize thoroughly, and plant the bulbs from four to six inches deep, and five to six inches apart in the rows. The rows should be a foot apart. Give them a good sunny location and plenty of moisture after they show above the ground. Keep the soil loose and free from weeds. In cutting the blooms leave four or more leaves so as not to injure the bulb. Cut the bloom when the first bud is open, the rest of the bulbs will open when placed in water.

America—More of this variety grown than any other variety. The standard pink Gladiolus. Color soft lavender-pink tinted flesh pink; orchid-like in its coloring and texture. A variety that everybody likes. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen. \$4.00 per 100.

Halley—One of the most attractive and early blooming varieties. Large well opened flowers of delicate salmon pink; flowers well placed on long graceful spikes. Many flowers open at one time. 6 cents each, 60 cents a dozen.

Mrs. Francis King—A beautiful shade of light scarlet or flame color. Flowers of large size on a spike growing four feet high, with many flowers open at one time. One of the best Gladiolus grown. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Peace—Pure white with a touch of carmine in the lower petals. Large flowers are borne on tall graceful spikes. Our favorite white. 7 cents each.

Primulinus Hybrids—A new race of remarkable and beautiful Gladioli. Flower not as other Gladioli and somewhat hooded. Colors running from a delicate yellow to shades of orange and crimson in fact to most colors of the rainbow and are particularly adapted for cutting. Give them a trial, you will be more than pleased. 5 cents each, 50 cents per doz. \$4.00 per 100.

Superior Mixture—For the past few years we have been trying out many of the named varieties of gladioli, and as we did not have enough of each variety to pay to keep separate, they were all put together and planted. Colors run from the purest white to the darkest red with various shades of pink and yellow. We believe the mixture the very best lot of mixed gladioli put out by any firm and at the price we are asking you should make a very liberal planting. 5 cents each, 50 cents, per dozen, or \$4.00 per hundred.

Cannas

While there are only seven cannas in our list they have been selected from the best of the more recent introductions; we could offer you a much larger list but could not offer a better list, as each canna that we have listed is a leader of its respective color. We feel sure that if you have never grown any of our cannas that you will be more than repaid for your time and trouble if you will plant some of these cannas that have worth while blooms.

Yellow Humbert—Is a sport from King Humbert, has green foliage, bright yellow and lightly spotted with red flowers. It has inherited all the good qualities of its parent. Its only defect is that it has a tendency to revert to the type. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.

The President—Height, 4 feet. Color, a rich, glowing scarlet and the immense, firm, rounded flowers, 7 inches across when opened, are produced on strong, erect stalks well above the large rich green foliage. While of recent introductions it has already taken the lead of the red Cannas. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

Cheerfulness— Deep orange flowers with golden edge and center. Height 3 1-2 feet. Green foliage, a wonderful Canna. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

Wintzer's Colossal—One of the largest Cannas grown, individual flowers often measure eight inches across. The color is a bright scarlet; a very profuse bloomer. Height 5 feet, green foliage. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

King Humbert—The best Canna; has dark bronze foliage and large orange scarlet flowers, making it a magnificent variety. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.

Gladiator—Choice variety, growing about four feet, with green foliage. Its bright yellow spotted crimson flowers are borne well above the foliage making a very stately plant. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.

Meteor—Green foliage, height 5 feet. A fine red variety. If you wish a red Canna you make no mistake in selecting this variety, as it is one of the best Cannas in cultivation. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.

All orders amounting to \$1.00 or more will be sent prepaid. Less than \$1.00 remit six cents for postage.