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# THE DAYBREAK NURSERIES, Inc.

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# INTRODUCTION

NCE again we take pleasure in presenting our catalogue which we trust will prove a guide to you and your friends in making selections, not only in Dahlia plants and tubers, which we have handled exclusively in the past, but also in plants for bedding etc., as described in these pages.

We extend to all a cordial invitation to visit our gardens during the growing season.

# VARIETIES OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

#### ELIZABETH HARDING

Hybrid Cactus

This beautiful dahlia is colored ashes of roses, suffused with orchid and having pale yellow markings at the base of each petal.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

#### JULIA MERWIN

Decorative

A superior mauve decorative of a clear lovely orchid coloring, which has been greatly admired by all visitors at our gardens.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

#### MAY RIELY

Decorative

Large blossom of old rose with golden suffusions.

Plants only \$5.00

#### ARCTIC SHADOWS

Decorative

This a Mammoth pure white blossom shading to palest mauve carried on long, straight stem, vigorous grower.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

# MARY KENYON

#### Hybrid Decorative

With the above characteristics and its beautiful peach pink color, softly blending to orchid makes this a wonderful flower for exhibition purposes. Blossoms have superior lasting quality.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

# CITY OF NEW YORK

Hybrid Cactus

This variety produces flowers of enormous size, held aloft on strong, stiff stems. The color; a brilliant golden yellow, shading to lighter yellow toward the end of its petals, which are delicately tipped old rose.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

#### **BUCHAREST**

Decorative

A pale lemon yellow with upper half of petals painted dark red This very unusual variety was personally selected by Queen Marie of Roumania during her vis t to New York in the Fall of 1926 from a number of seedlings submitted to her.

Field grown tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75

#### PAULA STONE

Decorative

Pale amber gold blending into rose, with the keeping qualities of the Mary Kenyon. This pleasing variety was personally selected by Miss Stone at a recent visit to our gardens.

Plants only \$500

#### CATHERINE ARMSTRONG

Hybrid Show

A beautiful dahlia for th's particular type. It has a pale yellow center with deep mulberry rose blendings on the outer petals.

Field grown tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2 50

#### J. M. O'DELL

Decorative

A beautiful canary yellow with rose tinting on reverse of petals.

Field grown tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2 50

#### REGINA

Decorative

A pleasing shade of golden amber. The large flowers are of fine form held on perfect stems, making them good for cut flowers as they are good keepers.

#### ROBERT CAMPBELL

Decorative

A pale yellow tipped with orange on every petal. Has a very sturdy stem, making excellent cut flowers. Field grown tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50

#### **GYPSY QUEEN**

Hybrid Decorative

A dahlia that attracts immediate attention. Color pleasing cerise.

Field grown tubers \$5.60. Plants \$2 50

#### R. T. HANBURY

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Burnt orange. A very vigorous grower and it is among the best for this shade.

Field grown tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2 50

#### T. J. RIELY

Decorative

A beautifully colored rich velvety red with cream shadings.

Field grown tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2 50

#### MISS NORWALK

Decorative

This charming variety of excellent quality has large flowers of coppery gold with tangerine tint on reverse of petals. A prize winner and vigorous grower.

Field grown tubers only, \$360

### ROSE FALLON

Decorative

Splendid exhibition variety. Every flower develops into enormous size. The beautiful old gold flowers are carried upright on long, stiff stems.

Field grown tubers only, \$3.00

#### MRS. REUBEN SWAN

Decorative

Large full blooms of fine form which are held erect by sturdy stems. Each petal has a slight wave which adds to the grace of the flower and the color is a delightful shade of Indian skin with an apricot reverse. A prize winner and vigorous grower.

Field grown tubers only, \$2.50

# DON JUAN

Decorative

Large flowers, of a flame and gold color; blooms are carried on stiff stems well above the foilage. This beautiful variety has every good quality. A favorite.

Field grown tubers only, \$2.50

### QUEEN MARIE

Decorative

Strong grower and free bloomer of perfect type. Flowers are large, held on stiff stems. Coral pink with salmon-pink reflex shadings. This is another one of her own choice.

Field grown tubers only, \$2.50

# PRINCESS ILEANA

Decorative

A very fine dahlia of perfect size. Good grower and free bloomer. Light salmon pink with increasing salmon shade toward center.

Field grown tubers only, \$2.50

#### THE VILLAIN

Decorative

In color this variety is a beautiful shade of violet. The flowers are large and on good stems. Plants are strong vigorous growers of wide spreading habit.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.50

#### AGNES SMYTHE

Decorative

A very sturdy grower with many blossoms, producing flowers of largest size, held on strong stiff stems. Formation like a Chrysanthemum. Color, a pleasing combination of red and yellow.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.50

# CANARY BIRD

Decorative

True to its name in color this flower is a delicate shade of canary yellow. Large blooms of good depth, on very sturdy stems. Vigorous grower and free bloomer. Greatly admired by all visitors to our gardens. Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

#### LILLIAN CAMPBELL

Decorative

This fine dahlia will produce an abundance of blossoms throughout the season. A most attractive variety, because of its clear pink color.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

#### LILLIAN HART

Decorative

This bloom immediately attracts the attention of all visitors to our gardens. Can best be described as an old rose I. deVer Warner, which speaks for itself-

Field grown tubers only, \$1 00

#### R. T. EDWARDS

Decorative

One which should be in every collection; true to type, extra large flowers, carried on stout stems. Most pleasing shade of pink with distinctive reverse of plum. Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

#### MRS. EDWARDS

Hybrid Castus

Of fine type, held on strong straight stems. Orchid in color. A vigorous grower and free bloomer

Field grown tubers only, \$100

#### DARK DAYS

Hybrid Cactus

A rich maroon; beautifully formed, large flowers carried on long, stiff stems.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

#### E. E. HANBURY

Decorative

An exceptionally fine exhibition variety of pleasing shade of silvery red. Very vigorous grower and free bloomer.

Field grown tubers, \$1.00

PEACHY

Decorative

This is a good exhibition and cut flower variety. The plant grows to medium height and is very sturdy. The color is peach-pink shading to white.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

HARVEST MOON

Decora ive

Large well-formed flower, on a good stem. Color: Beautiful shade of yellow. A vigorous grower-

Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

HERCULES

Decorative

Quilled. Enormous in size. Color: Tangerine and deep yellow, reverse of petals tangerine.

Field grown tubers only, 75c

E. P. O'CONNOR

Decorative

Beautiful flowers, carried on good stems. Color: Opalascent pink with distinct reverse of purple. It is a splendid and thrifty grower.

Field grown tubers only, 75c

# OTHER STANDARD VARIETIES

# KATHLEEN NORRIS. (Klein-F. & M.) Decora'ive

This great dahlia was the one outstanding variety at Newark, Trenton, New York and Camden where it was awarded the highest honors the judges could bestow upon it. It was the center of attraction for the thousands of visitors attending these great shows. The bloom is of gigantic proportions, and is without doubt the greatest pink decorative dahlia in commerce.

Plants only \$5.00

# JANE COWL. (Downs.)

Decorative

A massive deep decorative with petals curled and twisted. Color a glistening bronzy buff and old gold blending to a deeper shade toward center of flower; reverse of petals a pale flesh color, giving the flower, as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth; foliage thick and leathery; insect resisting.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$3.50.

#### YANKEE KING.

Decorative

(Sarah Wakeman Wood's). It is hard to accurately describe the coloring of this dahlia which has won so many prizes at the New York shows, which is a recommendation in itself. It is a bloom of deep autumn tints with some rose on the reverse of the petals. or as one admirer described it, intense flame with rose reverse. The blooms are very large and held erect on a tall vigorous bush extra long fine stems. Yankee King was one of the eleven varieties that scored at Storrs for the A. D. S. Field Day. This was also one of the outstanding dahlias in our garden this past season.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50

# WALDHEIM SUNSHINE. (Peacock.) Decorative

This giant yet graceful hybrid decorative dahlia is one of the very best for this season. A true deep yellow that will show up yellow under artificial light. The reflex is darker and there is a rich golden suffusion around the beautiful full high center. The bush growth is ideal, the strong erect stems hold the flowers facing upright. It is a sturdy grower and free bloomer.

Plants. \$2.50

#### MARMION

#### Decorative

As an exhibition dahlia this has few equals. The flowers are massive and have great depth. It is a pure golden yellow with a bronze suffusion on the revers of the petals. Field grown tubers only, \$2.00

# JERSEY BEACON

#### Decorative

Color: Chinese scarlet. Held on fine stems. A very vigorous grower; fine for exhibition purposes.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.50

#### NICHU

# Hybrid Cactus

A brilliant yellow dahlia, held on sturdy stems; a vigorous grower and a free bloomer.

Field grown tubers only, \$1.00

# LIVINGSTONE GOLD

#### Decorative

This is one of the prettiest colors, a beautiful gold-Held on long stiff stems this variety makes a good cut flower. Field grown tubers only, 75e

### OUR GREAT SURPRISE COLLECTIONS

#### COLLECTION NO. 1.

The customer may select any one of our \$7.50 tubers. In addition to this we will ship six tubers of our own selection, enabling us to give exceptional quality of varieties of which we have a surplus. All seven of the above prepaid for \$12.69.

#### COLLECTION NO. 2.

The customer may select any one of our Five Dollar tubers. In addition to this we will ship five tubers our own selection, enabling us to give exceptional quality of varieties of which we have a surplus. All six of the above sent prepaid for \$7.03.

#### COLLECTION NO. 3.

We will send you six dahlias, prepaid in the United S ates, including: One R. T. Edwards, one E. E. E. anbury, one Lillian Hart and three others our own selection for \$3.00.

It is with great pleasure that we offer the following to our customers assuring you that we are endeavoring to grow only plants which we consider choice and which we know to be in demand.

#### DELPHINIUM

Delphiniums (Hardy Larkspur) are deservedly one of the most popular plants in the perennial border. Being perfectly hardy they will establish themselves quickly in almost any soil.

BELLADONNA IMPROVED. The freest and most continuous bioomer of all continually flowering from the end of June until a hard frost. The clear curquoise bine of its flowers is not equaled for delicacy and beauty by any other flower. Strong plants 25c each; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

BELLAMOSUM. This is a dark blue form of the popular light blue Behadonna, with which it is identical in habit of growth, freedom of bloom and other good qualities, but with rich deep blue flowers. Strong plants 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

#### DIGITALIS (Foxglove).

The Foxgloves, old fashioned, dignified and stately, are wholesome company in any garden. The strong flower stalks rising from luxuriant masses of leaves, always give an appearance of strength to the hardy border, and during their period of flowering in June. dominate the whole garden.

GIANT SHIRLEY. A magnificent strain of the Gloxinia-flowered type of vigorous habit attaining a height of from 5 to 7 feet with spikes of bloom 4 feet in length, closely set with flowers of unusual size, ranging in color from purest white to deepest rose, handsomely spotted with crimson-maroon. We offer them in mixture only.

Strong plants 25c each; \$2 50 per doz.

#### DIANTHUS (Pinks).

**SWEET WILLIAM** (Dianthus Barbatus). A well-known attractive, free flowering hardy perennial, producing in early summer a splendid effect in beds and borders, with their rich and varied flowers 12 to 18 inches in height. We offer them in mixture only

Strong plants 20c each; \$2.00 per doz-

**DIANTHUS** (Allwoodii Alpinus). This variety is a cross between the famous Allwoodii Pinks and the Dianthus Alphinus and it possesses the charming range of colors of the former and the hardiness of the latter. The plants grow six inches and are attractive even when not in bloom on account of their graceful silvery foilage.

Strong plants 20c each; \$2.00 per doz.

#### AQUILEGIA (Columbine).

Columbine should be planted whenever their presence will serve to lighten up a too stiff and formal planting, for no other plant has so airy a grace as the Columbine, is very generous of its blooms, or more effectively adapted for cut flowers.

LONG SPURRED COLUMBINES. We offer in mixture only plants grown from the seed of the collection of Mrs. Scott Key. While all the varieties of Columbines are beautiful and greatly admired, this strain is unquestionably the finest yet produced. The

plants are of strong thrifty growth with flowers of largest size.

Strong plants 20c each; \$2.00 per doz.

#### POLYANTHA or BABY ROSES.

A type of roses which is very popular for bedding purposes. They form shapely, compact bushy specimens about 18 inches high, producing in great profusion from early in the season until severe frost.

**ECHO.** Comparatively large flowers of a soft pink, not unlike in color to the popular climber, Tausendschoen.

**ELLEN POULSEN.** A beautiful tone of pure rose-pink.

**ORLEANS.** Of good size, flowers double, brilliant geranium-red with white center, very free and reliable.

Any of the above, 75c each, \$7.50 per doz.

#### PHLOX.

MISS LINGARD. This grand white variety is one of the most popular varieties grown; it grows about 2 feet high, and starts to bloom in May, continuing to flower until late in October.

JULES SANDEAU. Deep cherry pink with red eye, growing two feet in height.

**DIVARICATA LAPHAMI.** A perennial phlox of pure genetian blue growing from 15 to 18 inches high; unsurpassed as a border plant when planted in front of Darwin Tulips, since it flowers in May and continues flowering until early July.

VIVID. Bright cerise pink.

LILACINA. Light lilac.

ROSEA. Rose pink.

CAERULEA.

Any of the above strong plants 25c each, \$2.50 per doz.

# LUPINUS (Lupine).

Effective plants, producing long spikes of flowers, blooming in May and June.

POLYPHYLLUS. Clear blue. Strong plants 35c each; \$3.50 per doz.

ALBUS. A white variety of the above. Strong plants 35c each; \$3.50 per doz.

In addition to the foregoing we carry a complete line of bedding plants and upon inquiry we shall gladly quote prices on varieties which are of interest to our clientele.

#### TERMS:

Remittance with order; all retail orders are delivered prepaid and as they are filled in rotation, ordering early will assure the reservation of varieties that otherwise may be sold out. We make all shipments at planting time unless requested.

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