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# 1933 DERRING-DO DAHLIAS 

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FREDERICK E. DIXON DERRING-DO
Scotch Plains, N. J.
(WEstfield 2-3125)

# PRICES FOR 1933--Novelties of Exceptional Merit 

PLANT ROOT
Mrs. John C. Metgzer (Derring-Do, 1932) F. Dec. ..... 5.00 ..... 10.00
This dahlia exceeded expectations during the very dry season just past. The four top flowers in the picture of this year's exhibit show this dahlia to be something more than, show this dahother white dahlia." The stem is perfect and its blooms last exceptionally long. It happens to be one of a few dahlias that has been overlooked, probably due to the fact that it was featured in only one show. A large leaf variety with dark green foliage.
WHERF, IT WON FIRST
This dahlia has been turned over to me by Mr. John C. Metzgar, President of the lrvington Garden Club, and is a white Mrs. I. de Ver Warner which, in itself, means a whole lot.
lt was the winner of First Prize for best seedling, New Jersey origin, Northern New Jersey State Show at Kearney in 1930. This Informal Dec. has heavy stems 10 to 19 inches long, flower 7 to 8 inches by 2 to $21 / 2$ inches deep and blooms face well Height, 6 ft . Grow to 4 canes, large leaf and flowering habit excellent, root ideal.
Diana Bourbon (Fisher 8 Mason. 1932) C

A lovely flame colored true cactus dahlia with good keeping qualities in the garden and for exhibitions. It is a free and early bloomer, good habit of growth, stiff straight stems and as large as cactus dahlia usuallv grow. Large leaf, grow 4 canes, dig normal. root ideal.

Full Moon. (Ballay, 1932) For. Dec.

Canary Yellow. Here is a variety that can truthfully be called a superlative dahlia The big bold flowers, easily measuring 12 inches across, are regularly formed of very broad flat petals that terminate in a per fectly full and artistic center. The thick ness and strength of the stem and particularly noticeable and the flower is alwavs upright. This is a grand dahlia and Mr. Ballay is to be congratulated. Large leaf grows to 4 canes and dip wide at harvest time as its roots are long, but well balanced.
King of Yellows (Shattuck, 1933) I. D.
$5.00 \quad 10.00$
Last season, when Dr. Shattuck urged me to buy this dahlia, I wondered? Well, no need longer to wonder, it is a beauty and I regret that 1 have not more of it. This dahlia will need very little, if any, "boosting," even if in competition with "American Legion." The Official Trial Ground reported it as follows:-'Score 85, informal decorative, light clear yellow, a good yellow flowering habit prolific, stem 10 to 18 inches growing outward rather than straight up, size of flower 6 to 9 inches, depth $21 / 2$ -4 inches, height 4 ft ." Read that report again and you will understand better that I have not over rated this dahlia. It grew equally as well for me and better. Dark heavy leaves, crown out and grow to 6 canes
Lavina Broomall (Broomall-Success. 1931) C.
$1.75 \quad 3.50$

Very large and unusual in form and color. Profuse bloomer, large flowers, perfectly stiff stems. The color is light orange-yellow to capucine-yellow and slightly shaded coralpink. lleight 3 ft . Leaf not large, grow to 4 canes and dis-branch and dis-bud severely.
Maid of Orleans (Van Zandt, Derring- Do, 1933) Sing. ..... $1.50 \quad 3.00$

Pure White flower, heavy in texture, 2-21/2
inches in size and faces ideally. Very clean
grower. The stems are exceptionally long,
thin and stiff, many being 16 to 22 inches,
dark green leaf medium in size. Height,
medium. Grown out and grow to as many
canes as possible. Roots are ideal, dig
normal.

Murphy's Masterpiece (Murphy-Success.
1932) Inf. Dec.

A huge, deep, dark-red shading towards garnet, and a flower that grows large without encouragement. The color in this flower does not bleech and its petals hold from rim to center thruout the duration of the blcom which is remarkably long. It was on the 1931 Honor Roll and has rightfully won many prizes, also a Certificate of Merit at the trial grounds. This is another dahlia that all of it grew for me a $100 \%$ and during the worst drought season at that. I all dahlia enthusiasts liking size and red could see this flower no discription would be necessary for the sale of it. Large leaf, be necessary for the sale oide at harvest as the roots are long and not well balanced.

## Myra Howard (Glutzback-Dahliadel.

 Inf Dec., 1932)Winner of the American Home Achievement medal at the A. D. S. show in New York. A grand dahlia in every respect and deserves to be rated near the top with such varieties as Kathleen Norris, Jane Cowl, Ft. Monmouth \& Dr. John H. Carman, \& other big fellows of the spectacular coloring and size. This is just naturally a big flower and one of the most attractive plants we have seen, with uniform, thrifty growth and plenty of bloom with extra long stems. Our plenty of bloom with extra long stems. Our a rose sheen " which glistens in the sunlight. a rose sheen which glistens in the sunlight. petalodes that give the flower distinction in both form and color. A seedling of Jane Cowl, and as grown in the originator's gar den one of the most free flowering it has ever been our privilege to see. Stems straight and stiff, foliage very dark green, plant of tall habit of growth.
Satan (Ballay, 1932) S. C.

This flaming scarlet with orange-salmon at the base of each petal will surely be a temptation to any dahlia fan and hell never regret yeilding to this color sensation. The exquisite colorirg is at once fascinating with a most remarkablv good formation and stem. The blooms resularlv measure 10 to 12 inches in diometer and 6 inches deep. Its a 1931 Honor Roll Dahlia and should be grown to 4 canes. At harvest time dig wide for the root is very long, but well balanced.

Yellow Wonder (Broomall-Success. 1930) Inf. Dec.

Plants
lt is a strong rugged grower with very large blooms held erect on the best of stems. It is a deep rich yellow of Aztec Glory tone without any of the latter bad habits. This dahlia has made many friends and there is little wonder about that for it has every thing. Grow to 4 canes and dig wide at harvest time, its roots are long and well balanced.

OLDER VARIETIES
(See 1932 Catalogue for Detail Description)
Plant Root
Achievement-l. D., Gold \& Rose

Plant Root
Jersey's Soverign-I. D., Salmon, Orange
.35
ersey's Triumph-F. D., Copper \& Salmon
$.75 \quad 1.50$
Josephine G.-I. D., Rose Pink ... ...
.002 .00
Judge Leon McCord-F. D., Deep Gold
1.002 .00

Judge Marean-I. D., Salmon, Gold \& Pink
Kathleen Norris-I. D., Rose Pink
50
Kentucky-F. D., Salmon Pink
.002 .00
King Midas-I D Colden Yellow . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 75 1.00
La Mexicana-S. C., Burnt Orange \& Copper
Lavendula-F. D., True Lavender \& Lillian Baldwin-F. D., Rose, Pink \&
Lillian Baldwin-F. D., Rose, Pink \& Red .......................... 1.00
Lillian B. Lee-C., Cream lvory . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2.50 5.00
Little Belle -See Pom List
Little David-See Pom L.ist
Mable Douglas-I. D., Pastel Lavender
1.503 .00

Margaret Masson-F. D., Silvery, Rose Pink
Margaret W. Wilson-l. D., Phlox Pink
Mary Ellen-1. D., Lavender Pink
Marmion-I. D.,. Golden Bronze
Mariposa-S. C., Light Orchid
Marion Broomali-l. D., Light Pink \& White
Mary-Ellen-F. D., Rose Mauve
Mike-See Pom List
Minnie Eastman-I. D., Flame \& Yellow
Monmouth Champion-F. D., Orange \& Flame
Mr. Geo. Castleton-I. D., Dark Maroon
Mrs. Alfred B. Seal-I. D., Violet Rose
Mrs. Alfred B. Seal-I. D., C., Perrine-I. DiIac
Mrs. Edwards-S. C. C. Orchid
Mrs. Ed. Taylor-F.' D., Cerise, Old Rose
Mrs. Francis E. Bullard-F. D., Light Pink
Mrs. 1. de Ver Warner-F. D., Lilac, Rose
Mrs. John C. Metzger-F. D., White
My Maryland-S. C., Lavender, Pink
My Rio Rita-I. D., Bronze, Buff
Netawaka-I. D., Orange Yellow
Nanaquaket-F. D., Orchid-Pink

Olive Robinson-C., Soft-Pink
Orinda-F. D., Red \& Blueish Violet
Paul Revere-F. D., Crimson
Penn Charter-l. D., Gold \& Reddish Apricot
Perk-S. C., Bright, Rich Red
Primula Rex-I. D., Light Primrose, Yellow
Prince of Persia-1. D., Cardinal Red
Queen of the Garden Beautiful-F. D., Yellow
Radio-F. D., Blood Red Tipped Yellow
Regal-1. D., Bronze, OId Rose \& Cold
Rising Sun-F. D., Yellow \& Fire Red … . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1.00 \quad 1.00$
Robert Scott-F. D., Apricot Yellow \& Rose
Rollo Boy-S. C., Amber \& Cold
Roman Eagle-F. D., Bright Copper
Rose-Ellen Variable-I. D., Old Rose \& Coral Pink
Rose Fallon-F. D.. Pure Old Gold
Rosina Mehaffey-F. D., Tyrian Pink
Rotfeuer-Str. C., Bright Scarlet
Rotfeuer-Str. C., Bright Scarl
Rudy Vallee-S. C., Reddish, Apricot \& Coid
Sagamore Prince-i. D., Bright Crimson ...
Sanhican's Monarch-F. D., Deep Tyrian Rose
Sarhican's Nymph-I. D., Primriose Tinted R
Siskiyon-Str. C., Plnk Mauve
Saxon Chief-I. D., Yellow \& Orange
Seal's Californian-F. D., Yellow \& Rose
Sir John Carlin- Deep Pink
Snowcap-F. D., White
Snowdrift-F. $\dot{F}$. D. . White $^{\text {S }}$
Snowclad-See Pom List


The World-F. D., Rosy, Magenta \& Silver

Towerlite-1. D., Amber, Cream oc Red
Treasure Island-FF. D., Apricot, Gold \& Rose
Treasure Island-F. Did Apricot, Gold \& Rose
Trentonian-F. D., OId Cold, Amber \& Bronze
Trentonian-F. D., Old Gold, Amber \& Bronze
Violet Wonder-F. D., Rich Violet Purple
Violet Wonder-F. D., Rich Violet Purple
Watchung Maroon-F.,D., Dark Maroon
Watchung Smoke-I. D., Pink \& Silvery Gray Watchung Sunrise-F., D., Amber-Edged Pink Watchung Sunset-I. D., Rosey, Lavender \& Red Watchung Wonder-I. D., Royal Red \& Gold White Empress-I. D., White
W. H. T.-F. D.,OId Rose

Will Rogers-F. D., Dark \& Light Lavender
W. J. Erwin-F. D., Lavender Purple

Yellow Beauty-F. D., True Yellow
Yellow Gem-See Pom List
Yellow Princess-I. D., Primrose, Yellow
2.00
$.50 \quad 1.00$
.50
1.00
1.002 .00
$2.50 \quad 5.00$
$1.25 \quad 2.50$
3.757 .50
$.50 \quad 1.00$
.751 .50
1.002 .00
$.50 \quad 1.00$
1.002 .00

| 1.503 .00 |
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|  |
| .35 |

$\begin{array}{r}.50 \quad 1.00 \\ \\ \\ \hline .75\end{array}$

## HARDY PRIMULAS

GENERAL CULTURE. Primulas will not thrive in a thin, poor soil. The ground where they are planted should be dug two feet, and the soil prepared as follows: Twothirds rich soil. containing leaf mold, one-third peat, and a top dressing of fine stones. Most primulas require half shade. Those used in the rockery like full sun. All demand plenty of moisture at their roots but stagnant water on their crowns is fatal. Good drainage is important. The use of cinders and sand is recommended.

## CANDELABRA TYPE

P. Beesiana, Velvety purple flowers in $\begin{aligned} & \text { Each per } 10 \\ & \text { whorls on } 2 \mathrm{ft} \text {. stems. Easy, showy....... } \$ .25\end{aligned} \$ 2.25$
P. Bulleyana, This type combines wonderful coloring with a vigorous constitution. The flowers range in color from orange to scarlet on spikes $21 / 2 \mathrm{ft} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$
P. Bullesiana, Same type, with many wonderful colors
$40 \quad 3.50$
P. BURMANICA, Flowers rich red-purple with yellow eye, on stalk $21 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. high. Will stand more sun than most of type...
P. HELODOXA, Vigorous, free-flowering; about 2 ft . Rich, golden yellow. One of the best
$.50 \quad 4.50$
P. JAPONICA, Flowers all shades of crimson,
in numerous whorls, on strong, erect stems.
2 ft . ................................................. 35 . 3.00
P. Japonica Aetna, Flowers orange-red New
.50
4.00
P. Pulverulenta (Bartley stain), Most important. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 ft . Color varies from a good pink to a rich crimson. Accommodating; should be in every collection....
P. EdinA (Hybrid), A soft salmon ............ . 252.25
P. RED HUGH (Hybrid), Copper-crimson. Most vivid of all

## DENTICULATA TYPE

P. DEnticulata. An old favorite, and easy to grow. Flowers grow in large heads, and range in all shades of lilac. Prefers a moist, shady position. Early in spring
P. Denticulata Alba, same as above, only white. Very lovely

## AURICULA TYPE

This type likes the sun, and a moist rootrun, good drainage. Use in rock garden.
P. Auricula, Flower stalks, bearing flowers of yellow, or various blends of mauves and purples, rise 8 in . from a flat rosette of leaves
.35
3.50
P. Auricula Blue, Very rare

## POLYANTHUS TYPE (Bunch primrose)

P. Polyanthus Munstead, Everybody's
primrose. Handsome leafage, with numer
ous flower stems, crowned with loose flow
ers in a wide color range: white, cream,
yellow, apricot, dull red, pink, clear blue.
Increase rapidly, and divides easily.

For color display in the spring border,
with forget-me-nots; the polyanthus has
no equal

P. Polyanthus Exhibition Blue

75

## PRIMULA VULGARIS (Common primrose)

2.25
P. Vulgaris, Mixed. All colors ..... 35
P. Vulgaris, Red shades
P. Vulgaris Coerulea, Shades of true blue Rare, scarce, distinctive
P. Vulgaris, Double Lavender, Very rare, old-fashioned, and much in demand by those who love the choicest. Must have more attention than the single, such as an occasional mulching in hot weather, and before the flowers appear in spring. Exquisite
.75
P. VUlGaris, double white
P. VUlGARIS, mixed; wide range of colors.
.35
P. Vulgaris, My Favorite, purple violet
.35
P. Vulgaris, Dainty Miss, rosy mauve

## OTHER TYPES

Primula Asthore Seedling, Coppery-old rose flowers
$75 \quad 6.00$
P. Florindae, Bright sulphur yellow, 3 ft . Requires quantities of water during the growing season

75
6.00
P. FRONDOSA, Good for sunny rockeries. Fiat heads of rose-colored fiowers. 6 to 9 in Free-flowering

65
P. Mooreana, Valuable as it is the latest flowering of all primulas. Lilac-blue. Robust, easy, fragrant

65
5.50
P. Rosea Grandiflora, Wonderful pinkcarmine flowers. Luxuriates in a rich, moist soil. One of the best
.75
6.00
P. Elatior (True Oxlip), Rich, golden yellow
P. JUliaE, low-growing, deep carmine flowers, with golden eye

50
4.50
P. LUTEALA, dense umbels of soft yellow blooms; July, August
.75

POMPON DAHLIAS (Roots)
(conceded to be the best)

| Per doz. |  |
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| Each ............................................@@ . 50 |  |
| 1. AIMEE ........................... Bronze \& Apricot |  |
| 2. ATOM..................nç.........Firey-red |  |
| 3. BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD...Crushed Strawberry |  |
| 4. BOBWHITE .......................Milk-white |  |
| 5. DARKSOME ......................Rich-maroon |  |
| 6. DEE DEE..........................Pale-lilac |  |
| 7. GERTRUDE.......................Bright Scarlet Crimson |  |
| 8. LITTLE BELLE ................Pink-mauve |  |
| 9. LITTLE DAVID..................Russet-orange |  |
| 10. MIKE ........ .......................Burnt-orange |  |
| 11. SNOWCLAD ...................... White |  |
| 12. YELLOW GEM ..................Canary-yellow |  |
| 13. HONEY ..............................Yellow |  |
| 14. WEE GRACIE ....................White, tipped lavender |  |
| 15. LITTLE FRED ..................Scarlet |  |
| 16. BETTY ANN.....................Pinkist Apricot |  |
| 17. BETTY MORE...................Rose buff |  |
| 18. LITTLE JENNIE ................ Primrose yellow |  |
| 19 .GANNYMEDE ...................Amber, tinted lilac |  |
| 20. GiOW...............................Old rose |  |
| 21. BOBBY ..............................Deep plum |  |
| 22. TOMMY KEITH ............... Deep red tipped white |  |
| BALL (SHOW) DAHLIAS |  |
| JAY SEEDEE | Violet speckled red ....... 1.00 |
| GARNET BALL | . 00 |
| GOLD MEDAL | Deep yellow striped red .... . 50 |
| KING OF SHOWS | Deep butter cup yellow .. . 50 |
| MAUD ADAMS | Shell pink ................. . 35 |
| PURPLE BALL | Light purple .................. 1.00 |
| SILVER QUARTA | Lavender ..................... . 50 |
| MARY HELEN | Yellow ....................... 1.50 |
| YALE BOWL | Golden bronze .............. . 75 |
| STELLA or ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS |  |
| BEAVER | Crimson maroon ........... 1.00 |
| CHAMOIS | Chamois with slight red tints ................ 1.00 |
| EVEREST | Pure white ................... 1.00 |
| FLAMINGO | Orange, mottled red ........ 1.00 |
| FLASH | Orange, dark red reverse.. 1.00 |
| LEOPARD | Yellowish, crimson reverse 1.00 |
| PINKY | Almost pure pink ......... 1.00 |
| STARFISH | Pale flesh, ruby reverse .... 1.00 |
| POLLY | Buff, yellow 8 crimson <br> reverse $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |

## SINGLE DAHLIAS

|  | Plants Roots |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEWPORT WONDER | Newport Pink |  | . 50 |
| SARAH HOLSER | Apple blossom pin |  | 1.00 |
| MAID OF ORLEANS | White (New) | 1.50 | 3.00 |
| SCARLET CENTURY | Scarlet |  | . 25 |
| TANGO | Autumn tints |  | . 25 |
| AUTUMN CENTURY | Autumn tints |  | . 25 |
| NIMROD | Bright lavender | White | . 75 |
| PEGGY | Old rose | . 50 | 1.00 |
| ROUGE-STRAIPE-BLANC | Red 8 White | . 50 | 1.00 |

## MINIATURE DAHLIAS

| CORONNE | Pure white | . 50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FEDORA | Cerise salmon 8 gold | 1.00 |
| IRENE | Exquisite old rose | 1.00 |
| LITTLE JEWEL | Peach blossom pink | . 50 |
| PINK PEARL | Pure rose pink | 1.50 |
| FREDA | Dark plumb | 1.00 |

## BEDDING DAHLIAS

MIGNONS:
BISHOP OF LLANDAFF Dark red ........................ 1.00
BLANCHE
FRAGRANCE
NORTHERN GOLD
Pure white 1.00

Red and white ................ 1.00
Pure gold ....................... 1.00
COLTNESS:
A variety of new coltness dahlias will be listed in 1934.

## Specially Priced Collections

## COLOR COLLECTION (Roots)




# Special Information 

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Terms: Cash
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All tubers and plants are GUARANTEED true to name, and their arrival in good growing condition.

## Time of Shipment

Rcots will be shipped after April Ist to June 1st, earlier shipments will not be guaranteed. Plants will be shipped after May 15 th to June

15th. All retail orders
shipped prepaid.

## References:

The First State Bank, Scotch Plains, N. J. Westficld National Bank, Westfield, N. J. American Dahlia Society New Jersey Dahlia Society
National Commercial Dahlia Growers Association, Inc.

## DERRING-DO DAHLIA GUIDE

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It would be difficult indeed to imagine a more valuable or a more complete guide for the cultivator of a dahlia or for the person who aspires to have a dahlia garden some day.

Just think of the time and money wasted every year (to say nothing of the sad disappointments) on dahlias that, because of improper planting and care, never materialize.



THIS IS THE RESLLTT OF FOLLOWING THE DERRING-DO DAHLIA GUIDE

# This Splendid Guide Tells You Everything You Should Know About Dahlias 

caxe<br>Part One

HERE at last is a Guide that gives not only the complete romance about dahlias, but also the practical side as well. For many years there have been dahlia books available but the majority have proven cumbersome for the average lover, or else their scope has been far too limited. But here are definite, time-tested instructions that anyone can understand for the cultivation and care of every type of dahlia. It tells you when and how to start the seeds, whether indoors or out, when to set out plants, how to transplant, cultivate and water, how to care for plants, and the best kinds of soil for them-these are only a few of the essential details covered.

Just as much importance is laid on the artistic side of dahlia planting-whether you want dainty flowers or showy flowers, whether you want them for outdoor display or for cutting, for hedges, grouping, massing or distant effects.

## Part Two

This section is devoted to a full description of over 200 different varieties of dahlias that are most outstanding with their prices.

In addition, each variety has leaf classification, how to grow for best results and a description of type of root as an aid at digging time.

