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# NEW DAHLIAS 

## To Beautify Your Home

# Prices of BULBS and SEEDS for 1934 

## Also flower garden plants in their season

## Greetings

It is very pleasing indeed to know that my original NEW FEATURED SINGLE DAHLIAS and also the new original class of LITTLE DARLING MINIATURES have met with such enthusiasm and generous demand the past season. Thanks to my kind friends and customers and here's the season's greetings to you all.

## Guarantee

I guarantee all bulbs as true to name. Should a bulb not sprout return it to me immediately for replacement. Success, however, depends upon the soil, cultivation and weather conditions, so I cannot guarantee the GROWTH of the plant in another's hands.

TERMS: Cash invariably in advance where persons are not known to me or C.O.D. if one-quarter of amount is sent with order. On all retail orders fully paid in advance, I will prepay carriage to any part of the United States, except where noted.

Be sure your full name and address is written plainly on every letter and order.

# GEORGE L. STILLMAN 

Dahlia Specialist
WESTERLY - RHODE ISLAND

## New Single Dahlias

## The Modern Type

A real sensation in Single dablias in my yadenon thomasi-
season. All of them have pointed petals which stand out to greet you.

They eclipse anything in Singles yet produced for beauty of design and colorings. They have fine stems for cutting which hold the flowers erect. The flowers are excellent keepers if cut just before fully opened and hardened in a cool place in water a few hours or in a cellar over night. A little care will be repaid in their keeping.

Dahlias are adapted to most any soil except heavy, hard ground. This can be lightened by liberal application of sand or coal ashes.

Prices for 1934 are very reasonable and every flower lover should have at least a few of these beauties in the garden. Try them and you will always love them.
MISS AMBROSE. Butter yellow, shaded to gold. Very rich and attractive ..... 75 c
MISS ANNE. A beautiful shade of pink. Solid color. Very free bloomer. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS BEATRICE. Light canary yellow. A lovely flower. Fine form. ..... 50c
MISS BISHOP. White, petals edged magenta. Very showy and attractive. ..... 75 c
MISS BRADLEY. Rich old gold. A beautifully formed flower. Rich color. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS BRIGHT. Intense deep scarlet. A large bright showy flower. ..... 50c

## NEW SINGLE DAHLIAS (Cont.)

MISS BULL. White, speckled and striped magenta. A most attractive flower. ..... $\$ 2.00$
MISS CATHERINE. Orange, clouded red. Backs of petals red. Nice color. ..... 75 c
MISS CAVANAUGH. Deep velvety carmine. Distinctly attractive. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS CHASE. Deep pink lilac. Unusually fine color. ..... 50c
MISS DAVIS. Light cream, deeper at base. A very clear color. ..... 75 c
MISS DODGE. Deep lavender, a very desirable color. ..... 75 c
MISS FIELD. A beautiful light pink. A delicate color flower. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS FULLER. Light orchid, finely veined deeper. ..... 75 c
MISS GIBNEY. Deep rose pink. Slightly yellow at base of petals. ..... 50c
MISS GIBSON. Cerise pink, shaded lighter at base. ..... 75 c
MISS HAMILTON. Bright red. Yellow circle around disc. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS HILL. Canary yellow, shaded pink on face of petals ..... $75 c$
MISS HUNTER. Light salmon, shaded deeper at base of petals. ..... 50c
MISS HYLAN. ..... $\$ 2.00$
MISS ISELIN. Pink with yellow shading at tip. ..... 50c
MISS JENKS. Burnt orange-salmon. Very attractive. ..... 75 c
MISS LUCRETIA. A beautiful rich salmon. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS MARSHALL. Lemon yellow, a clear, bright color. ..... 50c
MISS MINCH. Light lavender pink. An attractive shade. ..... 75 c
MISS MOORE. Canary at base, lighter at tips. ..... 75 c
MISS NEY. Rose pink. Long twisting petals. ..... $\$ 1.50$
MISS ORCHID. Clear orchid. A beauty. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS OTIS. Deep pink, shaded lighter at base. ..... 50c
MISS PARROT. Peach salmon. A rich color. ..... 50 c
MISS PATIENCE. Pale pink. A beautiful flower. ..... 50c
MISS PEGGY. Pure lavender. A rare color in a dahlia ..... 1.00
MISS PRUDENCE. Tan-salmon, a striking color. ..... 50c
MISS ROGERS. Light golden with pink shade. ..... \$1.00
MISS ROYALTY. Light pink. A most beautiful showy flower. ..... \$2.00
MISS SAGE. White. Slim pointed petals, a beauty. ..... 75 c
MISS SALMON. One of the finest shades in singles. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS SIMPSON. Pale cream. A clear color, nice form. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS SNOWFLAKE. Pure glistening white, with round petals. ..... 50c
MISS SPICER. Bright scarlet, old gold at base of petals. A large flower, but very attractive. ..... $\$ 2.00$
MISS STEWART. Light pinkish cream. Beautiful shade. ..... 75 c
MISS VARE. Orange salmon. An attractive flower. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS VARIETY. An unusually deep orange. It some- times shows a pure white petal. ..... $75 c$
MISS WONDER. Royal carmine. White circle around disc.
A large flower and fine color. ..... $\$ 1.00$
MISS WOODEN. Fiery Chinese red with old gold base. ..... $\$ 1.50$

## Little Darling Miniatures



The latest, smallest and most beautiful dahlias yet introduced for dinner table decoration. Flowers 2 inches and under. Singles and semi-singles. In nearly all shades known in dahlias.

All the flowers are held erect on fine stems.
Nothing like them yet introduced. Visitors at my field this season remarked, "Are those really dahlias? They are the most beautiful dahlias I ever saw. I must have some of those in my garden."

Praises like those are showered on the LITTLE DARLING MINIATURES when they are in bloom. They deserve it.

They are just the right height to produce flowers witl good stems and in great abundance; two to three feet and very branching and prolific. Prices for bulbs and seeds are within reach of all. Try some seeds as well as bulbs, then with your dinner, feast your eyes on these beauties of nature, Cheerfulness at meals helps to health and happiness. A bunch of LITTLE DARLING MINIATURES on the table will bring cheerfulness.

Guaranteed bulbs of named varieties, labeled ....................... 50c ea.
Guaranteed bulbs, unlabeled ................................................... $\$ 2.00 \mathrm{doz}$.
This extremely low price is given for unlabeled bulbs to enable those who do not care for the names to obtain a larger collection at very little expense.

Seeds from the LITTLE DARLING MINIATURES 50c per pkg. You will get great pleasure in growing these little da!lias from seed. They bloom the first year and make good bulbs.

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## NAMED VARIETIES

EDDIE A. No. 1. A beautiful shade of magenta red with a elear wide cirele of canary yellow on lower half of petals. A very attraetive little single flower carried erect on nice stems.
EDDIE B. No.2. A very small single flower produeed on fine stems holding the flowers erect. Color yellow, tipped heavily with light cerise. Very bright.
EDDIE C. No. 3. Deep earmine red. A fine single flower, held erect on long stiff stems. A very free blooming little single flower.
EDDIE D. No. 4. White, slightly shaded yellow at base of petals and heavily shaded erimson on tips. An attractive little single flower on niee stems.
EDDIE E. No. 5. Color light pink. When first opened it's white, then ehanges to a beautiful pink. A lovely little single, on perfeet nice long stems.
EDDIE F. No. 6. Very bright canary yellow, eaeh petal tipped slightly cerise pink. A beautiful small single flower on fine stems.
EDDIE G. No. 7. Color, Cerise lavender, slightly shaded yellow at base of petals. A fine eombination of striking shades on a very desirable little single flower.
EDDIE H. No. 8. Color, very light yellow. Heavily splashed with pink on tips of petals. A single little beauty on fine stems. Very attraetive.
EDDIE J. No. 9. Pure glistening white with two rows of petals. A perfect little beauty. Always loaded with flowers on fine stems.
EDDIE K. No. 10. A beautiful little eanary yellow single dahlia ereet on elegant stems. A real prize in any garden.
EDDIE L. No. 11. White and beautifully splashed and finely striped pink. A very beautifully colored little flower on fine stems.
EDDIE M. No. 12. A pure white single flower with a bright greenish yellow eircle around the dise. A very unusually beautiful little dahlia.
EDDIE N. No. 13. Base of petals yellow. Top half bright magenta pink. A very interesting little flower on good stems.
EDDIE 0. No. 14. Color, deep bright carmine red. Base of petals bright yellow, forming a circle. A very attractive small single flower on elegant stems.

## THE ORIGINAL LITTLE DARLING

is a perfeet single eream eolor flower about the size of a quarter of a dollar.

The plant, only about 18 inches high, grew very bushy and was loaded with blossoms the whole season. All the LITTTE DARLING MINIATURES were bred from this one plant.

Seed taken only from this original dahlia has never been of fered for sale. This year it was grown off by itself away from any other dahlia and will sell only a little seed at $\$ 5.00$ per pkg. You will have lots of fun with these baby LITTLE DARLINGS.
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## Pompon Dahlias

The tiny POMPONS are more popular each year as their adaptiveness is better appreciated. They bloom profusely throughout the season, making a mass of color above the low growing plants. Used alone in solid color, or alternated with Little Darling Miniatures, they make a most attractive border. They are long lasting as a cut flower and combine with a pleasing effect with Little Darling Miniatures or Singles.

Special price on quantities for extensive borders.

> Price
> per Bulb
AD. DOTT. Pink with lavender tinges. ..... 25c
BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD. Light red. The smallest dahlia ..... 50c
CATHARINE. Buttercup yellow. ..... 35c
CODSALL GEM. Red and white. ..... 50c
DENSITY. Deep carmine ..... 50c
EUNICE. Light lavender. ..... 25c
GRUSS AUS WEIN. Crushed strawberry. ..... 50c
JESSICA. Buff, slightly speckled red. ..... 25c
KLEIN DOMITER. Delicate buff, shaded lighter. ..... 50c
KLEIN GRETCHEN. White, heavily shaded crimson. ..... 25 c
LEUCHSTERN. Orange red. Low growing, Attractive color ..... 50c
LITTLE HERMAN. Dark red, each petal heavily tipped white. ..... 50c
LITTLE EDDIE. (New) Light magenta. Base of each petal a rich golden shade. ..... 75c
LITTLE VICTORY. (New) Rich, deep claret red. Un- usual color. ..... 75 c
MADELINE. Pale primrose, edged with rose purple. ..... 50c
MARGUERITE. Deep lilac. ..... 25c
NONIN. (Pompon) Medium shade of carmine ..... 25c
PRINCE OF POMPONS. (New) Lilac with deep reddish tinge. Base of petals shows a slight shade of gold.SANTOY. Pink and white. ................................................. 25c
SNOWCLAD. Pure white. ..... 25 c
TULLA. Wine crimson. ..... $25 c$
ZOE. Yellow and white. Occasionally some flowers are all yellow. ..... 25 c

DAHLIA STAKES. $11 / 4$ inches square, 6 feet long, made of oak and will last a life time if kept under cover when not in use. 10 c each, lots of $50,9 \mathrm{c}$; lots of $100,8 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{F} .0 . \mathrm{B}$. Westerly.

TAPE FOR TYING DAHLIAS. Will not cut the stalk like cord. Large box $\$ 1.00$, half box 60 c , all postpaid.

## New Orchid Flowering Dahlias

The Orchid Flowering Dahlias are of foreign origin and a recent addition to the dahlia family of this country as a novelty. The petals are gracefully rolled and pointed. They are produced here in rather limited colors but make an exceedingly attractive group in the garden or home. The plants grow 2-3 feet high, producing flowers in abundance, held erect most gracefully. The cut flowers keep remarkably well. The extremely low price of the bulbs places these novelties within the reach of all.

Bulbs 50c each. Seed $\$ 1.00$ per package. One-half package 50 c .

EVEREST. Pure White.


IBIS. Buff. Back of petals peach red.
LEOPARD. Yellow spotted with rose.
POLLY. Yellow. Back of petals intense red.
RUBY. Light ground mottled with ruby.
STARFISH. .Pale flesh color. Back of petals ruby.

## "Everest"

This is what one of my many pleased customers wrote me about the Little Darling Miniatures.

Long Island, N. Y. Sept. 28, 1933.
My dear Mr. Stillman:
I have had the greatest pleasure from the miniature dahlias that I bought from you at the International Flower Show in New York last March.

A few double dahlias which some of my customers are still calling for.

## Dahlia Seeds

Dahlias bloom the first year from seed planted as soon as the frost is out of the ground. If started earlier in flats and transplanted like tomato plants, they have a longer blooming season. New dahlias come from seed. Each dahlia seed produces flowers of a new variety and different from the parent bloom from which the seed was taken. The curiosity and expectancy to see what the new flower may be like-the satisfaction of originating a beautiful new dahlia, perhaps better than your neighbor's, or a prize winner-makes raising dahlias from seed one of the most interesting phases of the garden.

For one wanting a number of flowers at an extremely low cost with very little trouble, raising dahlias from seed is an unusually economical and interesting opportunity. They are easily grown. Directions for planting with every package.

Dahlia Seed prices.
SINGLES, seeds mixed together ............................ $\$ 1.00$ per pkg.
LITTLE DARLING MINIATURES .... ....................... 50 per pkg.
POMPON, entire group mixed together .............. 1.00 per pkg.
ORCHID FLOWERING ........................................... 1.00 per pkg.
ORCHID FLOWERING, ½-pkg. ...........................-. . 50


Roadside Stand at My Field on Watch Hill Road, Westerly, R. I.

## Gladiolus

I am offering bulbs of a few varieties of gladiolus which I find sell the most readily as cut flowers, at my roadside stand. Guaranteed blooming size bulbs.

ALBANIA. Pure white, with finely ruffled edges.
HALLEY. Salmon pink, with creamy blotch.
JOE COLEMAN. Very bright red, ruffled edges.
NORA. Light lavender.
WILBRINK. Flesh pink with creamy blotch on lower petals.
CARMEN SYLVIA.
ETHELYN. Orange yellow, most attractive shade.
MYSTIC.
MRS. FRANK PENDLETON. Pink with carmine blotch on throat.
MRS. DR. NORTON. Light pink with pale yellow on lower petals.
Price of each 75 c per doz.

## Hardy Plants

AQUILEGIA. Mixed colors. Price $\$ 2.50$ per dozen, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 10c beyond third zone.
BOLTONIA. Tall white. Price $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 15 c beyond third zone.
COREOPSIS. Lanceolata grandiflora. Price $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 10 c beyond third zone.
GYPSOPHILA. Bristol Fairy. Price $\$ 2.50$ per dozen, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 15 c beyond third zone.
MIXED HARDY PHLOX. Well established roots that will bloom the first season. Mixed shades. Price, $\$ 1.50$ per dozen; half doz. $\$ 1.00$, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 15 c beyond third zone.
HARDY GERMAN IRIS. Mixed colors. Roots $\$ 1.50$ per dozen, postpaid first, second and third zones. Add 15 c beyond the third zone.
HOLLYHOCK PLANTS. Mixed colors. One-year-old plants, $\$ 1.25$ per dozen, postpaid in first three zones. Add 10 c beyond the third zone.

Be sure your full name and address is written plainly on every letter and order.

## Double Dahlias

ADM. GRAYSON. (Semi-Cactus) Old rose shaded silvery rose. A very attractive free blooming flower on good stems. Price $\$ 1.00$.
ANNE TAYLOR. (Formal Decorative) The color of this dahlia is a light butter yellow, solid color. A large, full, deep flower, held erect on stiff stems. Very desirable. Price $\$ 2.00$.
ATLANTIC OCEAN. (Informal Decorative). A mammoth flower of a beautiful shade of canary yellow. Free bloomer. Price $\$ 1.00$.
BILTMORE. (Formal Decorative) Bright rich carmine, petals more or less tipped white. Occasionally flowers come solid color. Price $\$ 1.00$.
C. J. FARRELL. (Cactus) Beautiful shade of salmon pink. Large very full flower with unusually fine rolled petals held on good stems. A very attractive flower. Price $\$ 2.00$.
EVENING STAR. (Paeony) Light fiery red, yellow at base of petals. Price 75 c .
HAROLD DARLING. (Decorative) Light orange. Petals quite slim and rolled. A very unusual color; nice flower for cutting. Price 50c.
JANE COWL. (Informal Decorative) Mammoth flowers of buff and old gold. Price 50c.
KATHERINE WELLS. (Semi-Cactus) Light cream. This flower is the most beautiful clean, cream shade of any dahlia. Exquisitely beautiful. Price 75 c .
LADY WINIFRED. (Paeony) Light yellow. Reverse side of petals a beautiful shade of pink. Price 50 c .
MRS. STILLMAN. (Cactus) Beautiful shade of perfect pink. Price $\$ 1.00$.
NITIDA. (Formal Decorative) Clear lavender. A mammoth flower. It is a profuse bloomer and the flowers are held on stiff stems. Price $\$ 1.50$.
OUR COUNTRY. (Formal Decorative) Purple tipped white. A deep, heavy flower. A wonderful combination of colors. Price 75c.
QUEEN OF COLOR. (Formal Decorative) Rich golden yellow, petals heavily tipped pinkish white. A beautiful combination of colors. Flowers very large and deep with full center and are held erect on heavy, stiff stems. Price 50 c .
ROSE FALLON. (Formal Decorative) Blending of bronze and burnt orange. A large deep flower on large stems. Price 50 c .
RUTH THOMPSON. (Informal Decorative) Salmon and yellow, clouded together in a most beautiful manrer. An extra large flower and excellent for cutting. Price $\$ 1.00$.

## DOUBLE DAHLIAS (Cont.)

SILVA QUARTA. (Show) Deep lavender with double quills. Only true double quilled show dahlia in existence. Very large flower, held erect by extra stiff stems well above the foliage. It attracts more attention than any other show dahlia in the field. Price 50 c .

SUNBRIGHT. (Formal Decorative) A dazzling shade of yellow One of the most effective yellows yet produced. Stiff stems. Profuse bloomer. Price 75c.

THE FIERY CROSS. (Informal Decorative) A rich deep fiery carmine, heavily tipped white. A very showy flower on good stems. Price $\$ 2.00$.
THE GLORY OF GOLD. (Formal Decorative) Very deep, solid gold. A mammoth flower on long stems. Although the first flowers have short stems, the others are long. Price $\$ 1.00$.
TOMMY THOMPSON. (Formal Decorative) A shaded golden salmon. A full deep flower beautifully formed. Price 75 c .
VERNA THOMPSON (Formal Decorative) White, heavily clouded cerise. A full deep flower. Price 50c.
W. J. Z. (Formal Decorative) Rich salmon pink. A mammoth flower held erect on very heavy, long stems. Deep flower with full center. Price $\$ 1.50$.
YULETIDE. (Recurved Cactus) Pure glistening white. Back of first bloom shows slight lavender tint. Profuse bloomer. Price 75 c .

## Everbearing Strawberries

RHODE ISLAND. This new original strawberry is yet to be equalled. A large rich red with fine flavor and a beautifully shaped pointed berry borne profusely and on good stems. Plants set as early as the ground will permit will produce a good crop the same season. A good shipper and good keeper.
1 doz. plants, $60 \mathrm{c} ; 50$ plants, $\$ 2.00$, postpaid.
THE MASTODON. The Mastodon is called, by growers who have never grown the Rhode Island, the best everbearing berry. It is a very vigorous grower, sweet, nice flavor and has less acid than any everbearing berry. This season, 1933, I picked large ripe berries from the Mastodon, November 7. It will produce a crop in the summer and another in the fall if allowed to. If the buds are picked off in the spring the fall crop will be larger and better.
I doz. plants $50 \mathrm{c} ; 50$ plants $\$ 1.50$, postpaid.

## Perfection in Sweet Corn

My ambition was to produce a better sweet corn with larger ears and superior quality to the kinds in common use. This I succeeded in doing in the two following varieties:

SWEET ORANGE sweet corn (yellow) is nearly as early as the smaller yellow kinds. It has 12 and frequently 14 rows of kernels. Ears are twice as large as the Bantam corn. It makes a profitable market corn and is a favorite table corn as well. Height about 4 feet.

Selected Seed 75 c per pint; 50 c per half-pint.
MT. SHASTA SWEET CORN. This is the largest and sweetest corn in existence. Although it is a very large corn it possesses an unusually pleasing, sweet and delicious flavor of its own. The Mt. Shasta Corn sells itself.

It sold all through the past season in my field, where it grew, at my roadside stand; as fast as it matured, at 50 cents per dozen. I can safely state that no other sweet corn has in so short a time met with so great and popular demand as has the Mt. Shasta.

Selected Seed 75c per pint; 50c per half-pint.

## DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING CORN

Make three plantings of SWEET ORANGE, and three of MT. SHASTA and you will have a. continual supply of the finest green corn you ever ate.

Plant the SWEET ORANGE in rows three feet apart and hills three feet apart in the row. Three stalks to each hill. Fertilize liberally when planting according to the quality of the soil with poultry manure, but do not allow it to be placed less than five inches from the seed.

Plant the MT. SHASTA in rows four feet apart and hills $31 / 2$ feet apart in the row. Allow only three stalks to a hill and if soil is weak only two stalks. Fertilize liberally when planting with poultry manure, placed not less than five inches from the seed.

Caution: Do not mix strong fertilizer with the soil when planting any kind of seed. It is liable to injure the seed. Allow the seed to sprout in the plain soil. It will find the fertilizer very soon four or five inches away.

THE WILLIAMS WORM KILLER. A tool to kill the dahlia borer (a big fat worm) inside the stalk without injuring the plant. This borer enters the stalk near the ground and feeds on the pulp until it reaches the top when the top breaks over. Its presence is determined by the hole in the stalk near the ground where sediment escapes. Directions for using with every tool which can be carried in your pocket. Price 50 c , postpaid.

