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A lot of water has run over the dam since last year. So much so, in fact, that for the first time in my twenty six years of glad growing my bulblet crop was nearly a complete failure. For that reason I am offering only large bulbs this year. Prices will be as follows. 2 for 20c, 10 for 80c, 100 for \$7.00. If your order amounts to five dollars or more I will include free, one bulb (labelled) of LAVENDER GLORY in medium size, and worth \$1.75. In addition, if you will refund postal charges on your shipment, I will send you two small bulbs of the same variety, worth \$2.00, or, if you prefer it, one large bulb worth \$2.50. Just say, "I will return postage," and specify what size you want.

Excessive shipping charges make it unprofitable to accept orders for less than \$2.50, and please do not order any single item for less than 20c. All orders will be shipped postpaid early in the spring unless earlier shipment is specified.

## 1955 RETAIL LIST

- ABIGAIL.** Big, distinctive light lavender which has always been outstanding here. Opens 8 or more on a nice spike.
- ANNAMAE.** Early white that is really white. An easy glad to grow for it is naturally straight.
- ASTRID.** Topnotch rose with deeper throat. Rightly rated one of the best.
- BUCKEYE BRONZE.** Unquestionably the best smoky bronze. Well ruffled, a fine grower and very popular.
- BOUTON d'OR.** Golden yellow with a double row placement. A good yellow for commercial use.
- CHERBOURG.** Tall growing, medium rose of a lively shade.

- DEBORAH SAMPSON.** Pastel light buff on a strong growing plant. Ten open blooms is not uncommon. One of the best light pastels.
- DIEPPE.** Wonderfully impressive salmon red. A topnotch glad.
- DOROTHY ARMSTRONG.** Opens eight medium sized purple blooms on a long, wiry flowerhead. Fine showflower and a good commercial.
- ELIZABETH THE QUEEN.** Most beautiful lavender. Ruffled and fluted blooms on a spike of medium height. Heavy show winner.
- ETHEL CAVE-COLE.** Very early, large flowered light pink. A hard one to beat for an early commercial.
- FAIR ANGEL.** Early white. Well ruffled and well worth while.
- FIREBRAND.** An early red that is outstanding here. Nice clear color and exceptionally good spikes. Medium and small bulbs only.
- GOLDEN ARROW.** A reliable medium yellow which we grow in quantity for our cutflower trade.
- HARMAU.** Nice growing salmon with deeper throat.
- HEAVENLY WHITE.** Blue white that is both unusual and good.
- H. R. HANCOCK.** Snappy salmon with lighter throat. Always reliable for us.
- HUNTRESS.** Early lavender of medium shade. Opens a large number of blooms at once. Fine florist flower
- JEANIE.** One of the best known and best liked pinks. Tall, large flowered and extra good.
- KESTRAL.** Fine, large orange. Two tone effect that is very pleasing.
- KING LEAR.** Ruffled and needlepoint purple which is quite striking. Our stock of it is especially healthy. Try it.
- LAVENDER QUEEN.** Always straight lavender with deeper lavender fleckings on petal edges.
- LEADING LADY.** Large creamy white that is one of the best.
- MASQUERADE.** Brilliant yellow with deep red blotch. Makes up sensationaily in sprays and baskets.
- MOUNTAIN GEM.** The more of this deep red we grow, the better we like it. Nice color and a consistently good grower.
- MT. INDEX.** Not many glads have as many good qualities as this clean white with bright yellow throat. It is extra good.
- MYRNA FAY.** Extra early, tall lavender of medium shade. Valuable as an early commercial.



**ORIENTAL PEARL.** Huge flowered cream. Florets often measure 8 inches. Tall erect spikes. Many times a blue ribbon winner.

**PHANTOM BEAUTY.** Warm light pink which will open ten or more on a perfect spike. Extra nice.

**RHETT BUTLER.** Very early, brilliant light red. Inclined to crook if planted late, but it makes a nice early commercial.

**SILVER WINGS.** One of the best whites. Well ruffled, vigorous grower. Good placement and tall spikes. What more could one ask?

**SNOWBANK.** Late, clear white that is an excellent commercial. Medium and small sizes only.

**SNOW PRINCESS.** Early, brilliant white. A good white and valuable because of its earliness

**SPOTLIGHT.** For an all around yellow we like this better than any other yellow we grow. Not spectacular, but a mighty good glad.

**SPIC AND SPAN.** In the brief time since its introduction this ruffled salmon pink has probably won more prizes than any other variety. Will open 10-12 blooms at once on an always straight spike. A really sensational glad. I have a very large stock of this and can quote special prices on lots of several thousands of any sizes. The bulbs are clean and healthy and unforced.

**WESTERN STAR.** This buff sport of Picardy has all the good qualities of that variety. An exceptionally nice glad to grow.

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### HAND POLLINATED SEEDS

Every seed listed is the result of a hand pollinated cross and each will produce a new variety, usually quite unlike its parents. All the new, high priced varieties are developed from seeds, so if you get a few outstanding ones you will find a ready market for them. It is a gamble when only a few seeds are planted but, even then, it is a thousand times better than a ticket on the Irish Sweepstakes. Seeds should be sown just as soon as the ground warms up a bit, covered an inch deep, and the ground should be kept moist until the seedlings appear, which normally occurs in about three weeks. Well grown seeds should give you many bulbs which will bloom the following year and, even in small lots, you will find some good ones. It is the most fascinating part of gladiolus growing. Take my advice and try it. Packets of forty seeds, properly labelled, are fifty cents each, postpaid.

ASTRID X ETHEL CAVE COLE  
AUREOLE X JAVA  
AMERICAN BEAUTY X AUREOLE  
ASTRID X ROSE O'DAY  
BENJ. BRITTON X YELLOW SDLG.



BENJ. BRITTON X PACTOLUS  
BENJ. BRITTON X ROSE O'DAY  
BENJ. BRITTON X FAIR ANGEL  
BENJ. BRITTON X BLUE BEAUTY  
BLUE BEAUTY X PACTOLUS  
BOULOGNE X BURMA  
BOULOGNE X ELMER'S ROSE  
BOCCHERINI X ROSE O'DAY  
BOISE BELLE X RICHLAND ROSE  
BLACK RED SDLG. X MASKERADE  
CARNIVAL X ROSE O'DAY  
CARNIVAL X STRATHNAVER  
CHAMOUNY X BOCCHERINI  
CONCORD X PACTOLUS  
CONN. YANKEE X GOLDEN ARROW  
CONN. YANKEE X SPIC AND SPAN  
CONN. YANKEE X SUNSPOT  
DIEPPE X MODERN TIMES  
ELMER'S ROSE X AUREOLE  
ELMER'S ROSE X ETHEL CAVE COLE  
ELMER'S ROSE X CORONA  
ELIZ. THE QUEEN X ETHEL CAVE COLE  
ETHEL CAVE COLE X PACTOLUS  
ETHEL CAVE COLE X ELIZ. THE QUEEN  
ETHEL CAVE COLE X HUNTRESS  
ETHEL CAVE COLE X MODERN TIMES  
ETHEL CAVE COLE X YELLOW SDLG.  
FAIR ANGEL X YELLOW SDLG.  
F. NIGHTINGALE X YELLOW SDLG.  
GIANT BUFF SDLG. X BOISE BELLE  
GOLDEN ARROW X SPIC AND SPAN  
LAVENDER GLORY X ROYAL WINDSOR  
MASKERADE X ELMER'S ROSE  
MASKERADE X CHERBOURG  
MASKERADE X SPOTLIGHT  
MODERN TIMES X ELMER'S ROSE  
MODERN TIMES X MT. INDEX  
MT. INDEX X DRUM MAJOR  
MT. INDEX X PACTOLUS  
MIXED  
PACTOLUS X BENJ. BRITTON  
PACTOLUS X BLACK PHANTOM  
PACTOLUS X ETHEL CAVE COLE  
PACTOLUS X ANDRENA  
PACTOLUS X BOCCHERINI  
PACTOLUS X SPOTLIGHT  
PACTOLUS X RICHLAND ROSE  
PACTOLUS X MT. INDEX  
ROSE O'DAY X SPIC AND SPAN  
ROSE O'DAY X SALMON SEEDLING  
ROSE O'DAY X ETHEL CAVE COLE  
ROSE O'DAY X GEN. EISENHOWER  
ROSE O'DAY X PACTOLUS  
SPIC AND SPAN X CORONA  
SPIC AND SPAN X F. NIGHTINGALE  
SUNSPOT X DRUM MAJOR  
SUNLIGHT X BLUE BEAUTY  
SWEET SIXTEEN X RICHLAND ROSE  
SWEET SIXTEEN X BEACON



## UNBLOOMED SEEDLING BULBS

These bulbs were grown from seed last year and are a mixture of more than 150 crosses. They will measure from one half to one inch in size, and most of them will bloom if planted early. Sold in mixture only at ten cents each. Smaller bulbs of the same crosses (under  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) are five cents each. All are postpaid. Don't pass up this bargain, or you'll be sorry.

### COLLECTIONS

At least 40 varieties in a well blended mixture, packaged to your order in any combination of shades you may choose. This is an unlabelled collection and will contain several bulbs of still newer introductions which as yet we do not grow in quantities sufficient to list. A grand assortment which will give you a lot of pleasure. In addition, if you will return the cost of shipping, I will send you, labelled separately, one large bulb of Lavender Glory, worth \$2.50. Just say on your order "I will return postage." Large, \$6.00 per 100. \$3.50 per 50. Medium \$4.00 per 100.

### NEW INTRODUCTIONS

**LAVENDER GLORY.** Spectacular lavender with rose blotch and rose feathering on outer edges of petals. Will grow six feet tall, with 22 - 24 buds, opening 8 blooms at once and with eight more showing color. Will open to the tip when cut in tight bud, and is one of the very best commercials I ever grew.

Large, \$2.50, Medium, \$1.75, Small, \$1.00  
Bulblets, 25c each. Growers Unit: four large, six medium, ten small, 50 bulblets for only \$30.00.

### RICHLAND ROSE

Originated by H. L. Wood. A soft rose of American Beauty shade. A very lovely and distinctive glad, and especially beautiful in arrangements. A vase basket of this won the championship in the Maine Gladiolus Show in 1954. Large bulbs only at \$1.00 each.

Thanks a million for all the fine orders you sent us in 1954. We wish you the best of everything in 1955 and may your garden give you a new thrill each morning. Happy growing.





