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Wayland, Michigan

Wayland Dahlias

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We test hundreds of varieties here before offering to our patrons

Special Offer to Early Buyers

So many customers hold their orders until April or May when we are right in the midst of our shipping season that it makes it necessary for us to add extra help and work overtime to handle these late orders. That we may be able to give the best service, we therefore urge our patrons to order early; and as a special inducement to this end we will include with every order received during January and February, one tuber of some good named variety of Dahlia from our trial grounds of the past year. This means some variety that we have found satisfactory and will list for the first time next year, so you can count on getting something really good and as yet new to our customers. Don't delay. Send your order promptly while our stock is complete.

Professor W. D. Cramer, of the nationally known Ferris Institute, of Big Rapids, Mich., writes us as follows:—

"My stock from you has done very well indeed. Some blossoms, such as The Billionaire, and Bashful Giant, have run from six to nine inches. One of the latter now is 9 inches across. I am telling many people where I got my roots, and you will no doubt get lots of orders from here next year."

A customer in North Carolina writes that she "never had as good tubers as those you sent me last year. Every one came up and all are in full bloom now. Am more than pleased and you will surely get orders from myself and friends next spring."

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Wayland State Bank
Wayland, Michigan
Some of the greatest bargains that have ever been offered. All first class tubers, and of the best varieties, priced low so you can enjoy the pleasure of having the finest dahlias in your neighborhood.

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 1. Six Fine Dahlias for the Home Garden. $1.00 postpaid.

For the past two years this has been one of our most popular collections, comprising as it does, six of the very best dahlias for the amateur grower.

1 Kreimhilde, Cactus, Cream and pink.
1 Rene Caveux, Cactus. Rich cardinal red.
1 Doazon, Decorative, Orange-scarlet. Very large.
1 Jeanne Charmet, Decorative, Lilac-pink.
1 Arabella. Show, Yellow and rose.
1 Storm King, Show, White.

We quote from a letter received from a lady in Gordon, Ohio, who included this collection in her order, together with several other varieties:

"The past two weeks I have had such gorgeous blossoms that I run out to my flower garden several times a day; and with so many of the neighbors coming and going to the row of Dahlias the soil has become a very hard path near Bride’s Bouquet—(I frequently hoe the beaten soil)—the second in the row is Rene Caveux, which has tried to excel the Bride’s Bouquet: then next to bloom, fifth in row, is Souv. de Gustave Doazon, which has been a marvel, 6½ inches in diameter. Ladies from a town five miles away came to see it Sunday P. M. Then sixth in row is Kreimhilde, which is a beauty. Storm King will be the next to show off. After the gorgeous blossoms came and I found they were far superior to those of all old dahlia growers in our hamlet. I was so delighted that if I am able physically I shall purchase more another year. Marjorie Castleton (that is the gratis dahlia you sent) is looking fine, has several buds. Everybody is asking where I got such wonderful dahlias."

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 2. Four World’s Best Dahlias for Garden and Exhibition Purposes, $1.00 postpaid.

We sold this collection for $2.00 last year, and have cut the price in two this year just to enable our patrons to see what these truly wonderful dahlias will do for them. All are giant flowering varieties that will surely please you.

1 Bonnie Brae, Decorative, Cream suffused pink.
1 Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, Decorative, Orchid lavender.
1 Patrick O’Mara, Decorative, Apricot, yellow, orange.
1 Pride of California, Decorative, Red.

The two collections above should be included in every order—just think of it—ten really high class dahlias for $2.00. Can you beat it?

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 3. Six Wonderful Dahlias for the Show Garden and Cut Flowers. $1.00 postpaid.

This collection was our leader last year, and from the many orders received from all parts of the United States, we had nothing but the highest praise. Here is a sample letter received from a lady in Joplin, Mo.
How to Pack Dahlia Blooms

In response to the many inquiries from our customers regarding the proper method of packing cut dahlia blooms for the large city markets, we are reprinting the following article from The FLORISTS’ REVIEW, through the courtesy of the Florists’ Publishing Co., Publishers, 508 South Dearborn St., Chicago.

PACKING DAHLIAS

Dahlias have become a staple fall flower in the Philadelphia market. The key to their popularity lies in the eliminating of handling. Improved varieties in rich or autumnal shade, better culture and quick transportation all play their part in the wonderful progress that has been made with the dahlia, but no one of these things nor all of them combined could have made the dahlia popular under the old system of handling.

Dahlias are too brittle to stand packing as other flowers are packed, unpacking, repacking and subjecting to the ordinary wear and tear to which cut flowers are subjected.

Practically all the dahlias that come into the Philadelphia cut flower market are packed at the farm on orders, as it is termed; that is, the wholesaler orders the number of boxes of each variety that he thinks his business will require and delivers these boxes exactly as he receives them, merely lifting a lid now and then to see that they are all right and true to name. The packing is usually done in corrugated boxes, 5x15x42. The flowers, all disbudded stock, borne on long stems from twelve to eighteen inches long, are cut when fully developed, excepting on special and long distance orders. They are packed fifty to sixty or seventy-five, according to size of flower, in a box lined with brown tissue paper. The packing is done singly from both ends, so that the stems overlap in the middle. A single lath cleat is then tacked midway across the box, with a nail piercing a tin cap at each side. At the most progressive dahlia farm, the flowers are cut during the day and immediately plunged into water. There they remain until a little after midnight, when the packing begins. When three or four boxes are packed, they are placed in a lath crate re-enforced at the ends. When all the crates are packed, they are loaded on trucks and sent to Philadelphia in time to arrive at the opening of the market, 7:30 a. m.

An important aid to keeping qualities of the dahlias is to plunge the stems in hot, not boiling, water. When properly done, this will double the life of the flower after cutting.

—Phil.

Box of Mah Jong Dahlias Packed for the Philadelphia Market

Wayland Dahlia Gardens, Wayland, Michigan
How To Grow Dahlias

Brief Cultural Directions

Dahlias do well in any well drained fertile garden soil in an open sunny location, and are as easy to grow as potatoes.

Before planting spade the ground well to loosen the soil thoroughly to a depth of six to eight inches.

When soil is warm and danger of frost is past, dig holes five or six inches deep, two to three feet apart, in rows three to four feet apart.

Lay tuber on its side—never on end—with eye upward, and cover with good dirt in which is mixed a little wood ashes if possible. Mark place of hill with a small stick. Sprout should show within three weeks. If at the end of that time, no sprout is visible, return to us and we will replace the tuber. We are very careful in dividing clumps and seldom have tubers returned, but we want you to feel that we are interested in your success, and are always willing to make good any of our stock that may prove to be unsatisfactory.

After plant is up, remove all but one sprout. When this has grown to be twelve to fifteen inches high, pinch out the top to encourage lower branching and make it unnecessary to stake plant to keep from breaking over by wind.

When buds show, remove all but one bud on a stem, removing shoots and leaves at base of bud to give a better stem. Allow five or six blooming stems to a plant, and keep all dead flowers trimmed off.

During blooming season give plenty of fertilizer to the plant, placing around the hill, a few inches from the plant, work well into the soil and be sure to see that plant does not have growth checked for want of water.

Quite an interesting little work on "Dahlias for the Home"—Farmer's Bulletin No. 1370—may be obtained from the Supt. of Documents, Gov't. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for 5c. We advise our friends to send for it. Also "Dahlias in the Garden," Circular No. 154, New Jersey Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J. We suggest that you send a dime or more for this last work if you are not a resident of New Jersey, because it is probably intended only for distribution among residents of that state.

A Few Don'ts:—

Don't condemn a small tuber. Many of the largest and best varieties make very small tubers.

Don't plant too early. The dahlia is a fall flower, and if planted too early will commence to bloom in the hottest weather, and either blast in the bud or produce one-sided flowers.

Don't unwrap tubers until ready to plant.

Don't store in light, hot or dry room. We send out only nice, clean, plump, well-matured tubers, and if properly handled they will remain in this condition for weeks; but if exposed to light and warm, dry air, they must be expected to dry out and shrivel.

Don't stand tuber on end. Plant flat in the bottom of the hill, with eye upward.

Don't plant too shallow. Usually five to six inches deep is best in the average garden soil.

Don't neglect aphis and thrips. If leaves begin to turn brown and die at tips, spray well with Black Leaf 40, one or two teaspoonfuls to a gallon of water, with a handful of Lux or other soap flakes, to make solution spread well. Be sure to wet under side of leaves, and if one application does not stop the trouble, repeat with another.

Wayland Dahlia Gardens

Wayland - Michigan
How To Grow Daffodils

Brief Cultural Directions

Daffodils do well in any well-drained fertile garden soil in an open sunny location. They do not grow as prosperously on heavy soil. Before planting make the ground well to loosen the soil thoroughly to a depth of 12 inches. When soil is warm and a number of these bulbs are placed 6 to 8 inches deep, two inches should be left over the top of each bulb. With the exception of the smaller varieties, daffodils are good for the rock garden and for borders. Make the plants with horizontal roots and prevent them from moving during the growing season. Do not dig for bulbs until the leaves are thoroughly brown. If left in the ground too long, the bulbs will not grow properly. They are in bloom from late February to late March, depending on the variety. Do not transplant the bulbs before the fall. They should be planted in the spring as late as possible. The soil should be well dug and rich in organic matter. The bulbs should be planted 6 to 8 inches deep and 3 to 4 inches apart. After planting water well and then keep the watered. After the bloom is over, the leaves should be removed as soon as possible. During the growing season, make it a point to use a fertilizer which will allow the plants to grow strong and make sure that the soil is rich in organic matter. Daffodils thrive in full sun and are not particular about the soil. They can be grown in any type of soil, but they do best in well-drained, sandy soil. The bulbs should be planted in the fall, before the ground freezes, and allowed to remain in the ground throughout the winter. The leaves should be allowed to die down naturally, and the plants should be dug in the spring and allowed to rest before being planted again. The bulbs should be planted 6 to 8 inches deep and 3 to 4 inches apart. The leaves should be allowed to die down naturally, and the plants should be dug in the spring and allowed to rest before being planted again.
Gentlemen:

I visited a friend yesterday in Pittsburg who was the proud owner of a beautiful collection of dahlias that he ordered from you last spring; and I am wondering if you will still have it next year, as I very much want it. The collection was No. 3, and price one dollar. Will you be so kind as to put me on your mailing list and send me a catalog next time you have one? I can hardly wait till next year.

Thanking you, I am,

So you see, the collection is able to speak for itself. Here it is. Don’t omit it from your order.

1 Bertha Home—a bronzy yellow and apricot hybrid cactus, awarded Certificate of Merit by the American Dahlia Society.
1 Diana—an immense crimson and violet reflex cactus.
1 Darlene—an older variety, but still one of the finest shell pink decoratives.
1 Sebastipol—a wonderful deep orange decorative—one of the late Luther Burbank’s best.
1 Swift—a massive sulphur yellow decorative.
1 Aurore—a rich deep bronzy apricot and orange decorative-peon-y-flowered dahlia that a prominent grower describes as “one of the most attractive dahlias in his collection—a close rival to Patrick O’Mara, and perhaps a little better.”

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 11. Six Beautiful Dahlias for $1.00 postpaid.

This collection was offered only on our envelopes last year, yet we sold hundreds of them, mostly to customers who had already placed an order from our catalog. No matter how many varieties of dahlias you grow, you will want these standard sorts, and purchased singly, they would cost about double what we ask for them in this collection.

1 Lawine, Cactus, White.
1 Libelle, Cactus, Dark lavender.
1 Frank A. Walker. Decorative. Pink.
1 Oregon Beauty, Decorative. Red.
1 Maude Adams, Show, White and pink.
1 Yellow Duke, Show, Yellow.

A lady in Syracuse, N. Y., writes—“Tried out your dahlias, and have decided to plant quite a few next spring. I agree they are quite the most satisfactory bulbs, and blooming in the fall are much appreciated.”

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 6. Six Very Finest Peony-Flowered or Art Dahlias. $2.00 postpaid.

No dahlia garden is complete without a fair representation of the beautiful Peony-flowered or Art dahlias; and we can unhesitatingly recommend these six varieties as the very best of the type:

1 Cleopatra, beautiful dull gold shade—a Marean dahlia of the highest class.
1 Colossal Peace, a peony-cactus type dahlia of delicate pink and white color. Very large.
1 Diana. Large, brilliant scarlet. Another Marean dahlia of great merit.
1 Pride of Portland, a beautiful flower of brighter Geisha colors.
1 Rosalia Styles, Large, rose-pink. Very profuse bloomer.
1 The Billionaire, Golden orange. One of the finest dahlias grown.
DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 7. Six Beautiful Cut Flower Dahlias, $2.00 postpaid.

1 Geo. Walters, Hybrid cactus, Salmon pink and yellow.
1 Dr. Tevis, Decorative, Salmon rose, gold and apricot.
1 Giant Ruby, Decorative, Brilliant red.
1 Judge Alton B. Parker, Decorative, Yellow buff.
1 Mrs. Carl Salbach, Decorative, Lavender pink.
1 The Millionaire, Decorative, Lavender pink.

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 8. Six More Cut Flower Dahlias. $2.00 postpaid.

1 Mrs. Warnaar, Hybrid cactus, White flushed pink.
1 Red Cross. Hybrid cactus, Scarlet and gold.
1 John Lewis Childs, Decorative, Red, white and yellow.
1 Mrs. Hugo Kind, Decorative, Rich velvety red.
1 Queen Mary, Decorative, Rose pink.
1 Rosemawr. Decorative, Rose pink.

Collections No. 6, 7 and 8, make a beautiful assortment for the home garden, and the giant blooms will always bring in the neighbors.

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 10. "FLORISTS' REVIEW" Collection of 20 Cut Flower Dahlias. $6.00 postpaid.

The FLORISTS' REVIEW, America's greatest floral trade paper, recommends the following list of Dahlias "that lead for cut-flower purposes"—

Decorative Type

Jersey's Beauty, true pink without any markings.
Judge Marean. salmon pink, red, iridescent orange, yellow and gold, all blending.
Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, a deep mauve pink.
Rosa Nell. bright rose.
Charm, burnt orange, shading to yellow.
Delice, glowing rose-pink.
Insulinde. saffron yellow suffused russet-orange.
Patrick O'Mara. orange-buff, slightly tinged deep rose.
Sylvia. white, shading to soft pink on outer petals.
The Millionaire, delicate lavender with faint pink cast.

Cactus Type

Countess of Lonsdale, delicate apricot.
Bianca, lilac-rose.
Golden West, golden bronzy yellow, with scarlet shading.

Peony-Flowered Type

Jan Olieslager, deep primrose yellow.
Queen Wilhelmina, pure white with yellow center.

Show Type

A. D. Livoni, soft pink.
Dorothy Peacock, bright seashell pink.
Jean Kerr, pure white.
Stradella, deep purple crimson.
Yellow Duke, pure canary yellow.

If you want a collection of Dahlias that will make your garden the outstanding feature in your community, or if you want to start in the "Dahlia business" for the purpose of selling either cut-flowers or tubers, we know of no assortment that will meet your requirements so perfectly as this collection. And at the low price quoted this year for the entire assortment, we are sure you could make no better investment in this line. Twenty varieties, all of them the best in their class, one tuber of each variety, all carefully wrapped and labelled, delivered to your address for only Six dollars.
View of our new office and frost-proof Dahlia storage cellar. Here we have space for storing and handling a million dahlia tubers each season, together with all modern facilities for taking care of our customers' orders in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**HOW TO ORDER**

Orders may be sent by mail or placed personally at our office. Cash in full should accompany all orders. Remit by any approved method—check, post-office or express money order or registered letter. Please do not send stamps if amount is over $1.00.

**TIME OF SHIPMENT**

All orders will be filled in rotation after April 1st, unless otherwise specified in order, in which case customer must assume all responsibility for damage from frost. We begin dividing clumps soon after digging and can usually supply any variety in quantity by February 1st, or later if so desired.

**PACKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

We pack and deliver all tubers to your address without extra charge at prices quoted in this list, and guarantee safe arrival in all cases. Cultural directions accompany all shipments.

**GUARANTEE**

All tubers are strong, healthy divisions of field-grown clumps which are tagged when in bloom and absolutely guaranteed to conform to description. We also guarantee every tuber to show sprout within three weeks from time of planting or same will be replaced free of charge upon return to us.

**REFERENCE**

We refer to the Wayland State Bank, Wayland, Mich., as to our responsibility.

**VISITORS WELCOME**

The varieties listed herein, and many others, both old and new, may be seen in all their glory of bloom at our gardens, located on the Mackinaw Trail (U. S. 131) in the village of Wayland, 21 miles south of Grand Rapids and 28 miles north of Kalamazoo, from August 1st until frost. Visitors are cordially invited and welcome at all times.

Order early. Always give full name and address when writing to us.

**Wayland Dahlia Gardens**

Wayland Michigan