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Giant flowered dahlias in a SUPER BARGAIN OFFER. Here is a wonderful collection offer of some of the finest giant dahlias ever grown. Wonderful colors and shadings you've never dreamed of—and flowers, flowers, flowers, all season long. Dazzling reds and orange, pink, rich royal purple and many others in a color blended assortment. Normal flower size is 6" to 9" across, and even larger blooms can be had with a little special care. Each variety tested and proved in our growing fields to insure your complete satisfaction. Order your GIANT dahlias now! Disbud for maximum flower size.

No. 59-1 — Blackout, Pink Sutherland, John Carter, Red and White, Frances H. Archer..... **\$3⁷⁵**

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WORLD'S FINEST DAHLIAS

GROWN IN NATURE'S OWN GARDEN SPOT

Our growing fields are located in the beautiful Willamette Valley of western Oregon, right in the foothills of the lofty Cascade Mountains. Soft rains from the Pacific ocean combine with the gentle summer sun and our rich volcanic soil to produce the finest quality dahlias ever known — full, plump tubers of just the size to do the very best in your garden.

GLORIOUS COLORS THAT ALMOST DEFY DESCRIPTION

No other flower matches the dahlia in the wide range of colors and sizes, together with a long blooming season extending over several months. Visitors drive hundreds of miles to see acre after acre of dahlias in full bloom — from late July to November! Now you can have this gorgeous floral display in your own garden. Imagine the thrill of cutting your own florist-quality flowers week after week, while your bushes grow and produce more flowers daily. It's really true — the more you cut them, the more they bloom.

IT'S EASY — IT'S FUN — IT'S EXCITING

Enjoyment for the whole family is packed into each box of dahlias shipped from our warehouse. Simple easy-to-follow cultural directions insure success, even on the first attempt. Our sure-to-grow tubers will produce flowers only 75 to 90 days after planting, and next fall you'll harvest a crop which can be divided for even more plants and flowers in years to come.

SPRAYING FIELDS

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A Riot of Spectacular Color

Like a group of peacocks, these two-toned beauties with their gay plumage will "strut their stuff" and get attention in your garden, just as they do in our growing fields. Each seems to try to outdo the other in showing off its spectacular color markings. You'll find it hard to pick your special favorite, because they are all so beautiful and striking. Now for the first time we can offer them in this special money saving collection. Order today — we know you'll be delighted.

No. 59-5

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ORDER NOW — DAHLIAS SHIPPED AT PROPER PLANTING TIME

After harvest our dahlias are carefully divided by experienced workers and stored in our modern specially designed frost-proof basement warehouses. Here they are kept at the exact temperature and humidity to maintain them in top condition until they are inspected just prior to shipment to you for your garden. PACKED IN POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC FOR ADDED FRESHNESS. ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED TO REACH YOU IN A-1 SHAPE, READY TO GROW AND BLOOM.

EXTRA SPECIAL BONUS

Because it costs us no more to process a large order than a small one, we make certain savings when you order more. In appreciation of these large orders, we are offering **ABSOLUTELY FREE** with each order for \$10.00 or more, one tuber of the outstanding new collarette dahlia

"Woody Woodpecker"

a rich red shade with a bright yellow collar. A very well named dahlia!!!

*Send your larger order and get your **FREE** bonus tuber...today!*

EXQUISITE *Cactus* DAHLIAS

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For Gracious Living at Its Best

GROW DAHLIAS

No. 59-6 — Entire Collection **\$5²⁵** postpaid

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VICTORY MAID

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Cutflower

DAHLIAS

Best Cutting Types Ever Introduced

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No. 59-7

5 for \$3.00

JAPANESE BISHOP

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20 for \$5.75 40 for \$10.50

Premium Pompon Dahlias

"GAY LITTLE PUFFBALL PIXIES"

Dainty pompon or button dahlias will add a bright touch to your garden, and they are unsurpassed for cutting too! Each plant will produce several hundred perfect little flowers in the course of a season. Average flower size about 1½" in diameter. Order our special assortment in colors similar to those pictured above today. Money back if not completely satisfied. Each tuber individually labeled.

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Colorful New Collarettes

Pert and Perky — Completely Different

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ALL 5 FOR ONLY \$4.75

But that's not all — silver for added "life" eight days in our garden with day. Stock is some for this variety.

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Gay mounds of color border plant which bushes seldom grow a foot or more a plant with dozens and dozens you one plant each deep red, and royal

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MISS ROSE FLETCHER — PINK
FINESSE ANVERSOISE — CREAM
ORFEO — REDDISH PURPLE
CORAL PEACH — PEACH

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RIVOLI — YELLOW
GRANDEZZA — DARK RED
PASTEL — CARMINE PINK
TORNADO — ORANGE

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BOTH COLLECTIONS

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3 for \$3.50 POSTPAID

POMPON MUMS

THE PERFECT
FLOWER
FOR THAT SPECIAL
BED OR BORDER

From late summer until frost! The Pompon taking the country by storm. The flower 18" in height, but spread out to 36" with each plant literally covered with flowers at one time. We'll send you bright pink, snow white, rich gold, or a glorious riot of color.

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RED MUMS \$2.50

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RUFFLED GIANT—10" to 12". Flame (illustrated). 4' bush.

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GIANT OF BAARN—12". Vermilion red. 6' bush.

MONARCH OF THE EAST—10" to 12". Pure golden yellow. 4' bush.

ANDRIE'S WONDER—10". Salmon pink with gold shadings. 4' bush.

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