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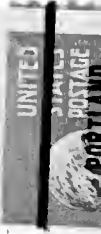
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- JANE ROSS, I. D.**—Bright purplish crimson, shaded violet and overlaid with a velvety maroon sheen, deepening toward the center of the flowers, good size blooms on long stiff stems. Early and free bloomer.35
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- JEAN TRIMBEE, S. C.**—Rich shade of petunia-violet, very large blooms, a great prize winner.35
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- JERSEY BEAUTY, D.**—True pink, extra fine.25
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- JERSEY IDEAL, D.**—Deep lavender pink, very large.25
- JERSEY KING, D.**—Belgonia rose, very fine.25
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- JERSEY RADIANT, H. C.**—Bitter sweet orange. Extra fine cut flower.25
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WALDHEIM SUNSHINE , D.—Very large yellow, suffused gold, extra fine.25
WASHINGTON GIANT , I. D.—Truly a giant for size blooms often over 12 inches across on good stout stems. Color bright lavender-rose blended with silver, Won Sweepstakes for largest bloom, Portland Show, 1935. On the Honor Roll.50
WHITE WONDER , I. D.—Large fluffy white, with long graceful wavy petals, fine for exhibition. On the Honor Roll.35
WILL RODGERS , D.—Large silvery lavender.35
WILLAMETTE , I. Dec.—Beautiful blend of golden coral,25
WM. G. HOGAN , D.—Garnet red, heavily tipped white. Very large blooms.25
YANKEE GOLD , I.D.—Large perfect blooms of pure gold.50

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There are so many different opinions about how and when to plant Dahlias that I almost hesitate to offer cultural directions that will apply everywhere. However, you will have to use your own judgment to some extent because you know your climatic conditions, seasons, soil, etc.

In our Pacific Northwest, the Dahlia is treated as a late summer or autumn flower—and is at their best after the fall rains start. So, you see, Dahlias naturally love a lot of moisture at the blooming period. Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special skill to bring them to perfection—any good garden soil will produce fine Dahlia blooms if well prepared by deep spading, good cultivation and plenty of moisture at blooming time.

Preparing your soil—Spade your soil 10 to 12 inches deep about a month before planting, and rake once a week to conserve the moisture. Then, just before planting your Dahlias, work your soil over again until it is very loose and deep, and without lumps.

If your soil is clay or very heavy and hard to keep in good tillable condition, add sand, old sawdust, or your stove ashes and peat moss. If you use peat moss, add some lime to counteract the acidity.

If your soil is poor, broadcast and work into the top soil some good commercial fertilizer not too high in nitrogen content. A fertilizer compound 4-8-7 (can be bought at almost any seed store) composed of 4 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent acid phosphate, 7 per cent potash, or use bone meal at the rate of a double handful to each plant.

Planting—Dahlias may be planted any time after the soil has become thoroughly warmed. But for best results, plant from May 10th to June 15th. I believe planting between these dates will apply to all parts of the U. S. A. except perhaps some of the southern states where they plant earlier so that the plants will become well rooted and established before the very hot weather sets in.

Dahlias grow very quickly in hot weather if the soil has been well prepared, and the Dahlias get a good supply of moisture and provided with either good cultivation or irrigation. If your Dahlias come into bloom during very hot weather or during a drought, mulch around and between the plants with some loose material like straw, peat moss, old sawdust or your lawn clippings to conserve moisture and protect the feeding roots which come close to the surface as the plants develop. *This fact is not generally understood and will account for many failures.*

Plant, if possible, in an open, sunny situation where your plants will have good air circulation and not be too close to trees or big shrubs. Large Dahlias should be planted about 3 feet apart each way—smaller sorts, like miniature and pompons, can be planted 2 feet between the plants. A good medium size root, as a rule, will produce the best flowering plant.

Drive a strong stake to support the plants before planting. Never stand the root on end, but lay flat or on slight angle with eye or sprout up in holes 4 inches deep for heavy soil and 6 inches deep in very loose or sandy soil. Cover only about 2 inches and when the roots begin to grow, put in the balance of the soil.

Do not water if your soil is quite moist. If too dry it will be better to water your ground thoroughly a day or two before planting and cultivate the surface. Watering at the time you plant, especially heavy soil, packs

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Cultivation— To have the greatest success with your Dahlias, the trick is to keep your plants growing. Good cultivation is most essential for best results. Start cultivating soon after planting (be careful not to disturb the root). Hoe deeply or cultivate with a garden hook about once a week to form a good deep soil mulch which will conserve the moisture and check the weeds. As the plants grow and when about 18 to 20 inches high, deep cultivation should cease and only rake lightly the surface of the soil after each rain or watering. Also, at this stage of the Dahlia plants growth, the feed roots come toward the surface of the soil. This is a good time to apply your fertilizer—broadcast and work it into the top soil. Also give the ground a heavy watering, after working in the fertilizer, to dissolve and keep it in solution so it will be available for the feeding roots. If the weather is very hot and dry, apply a good loose mulch previously directed.

Watering— Good cultivation is more important than water in the early stage of a Dahlia plant's growth. But in very hot and dry weather, water is quite necessary to keep up a strong, continuous growth. However, it is not advisable to begin watering until the plants really need it. Then water every ten days or two weeks, cultivating the top soil after each watering as soon as the soil is workable. To make your plants healthier and to hold the insects in check, give your plants a good shower bath every evening during dry weather. When the plants start to show flower buds, water should be applied freely and in large quantities once a week. This will force a greater quantity of flowers with long stems and the largest size blooms. When you water, soak the ground thoroughly. Best to set your sprinkler in the evening among your Dahlias and let the water run until the soil is saturated but not puddled and turn the sprinkler on again the next morning. This last sprinkling will drive the moisture down to a lower level—consequently, you hold moisture longer than when you just wet the surface.

Fertilizer— Dahlias don't require very rich soil to produce fine flowers. But to get good exhibition blooms, a liberal amount of a well balanced fertilizer should be applied broadcast around your plants (be careful not to apply too close to base of plants) and thoroughly worked into the soil about a month or six weeks after planting.

The fertilizer formula previously mentioned would be good, supplemented by a good sprinkling of tankage with a little lime and crude sulphur added and applied about every two or three weeks while the Dahlias are in bloom.

Vigoro is another good fertilizer for Dahlias.

Disbudding— When your plants have made their second or third set of leaves, pinch out the tops—this causes your plants to branch and not grow so tall. If you do this, stakes will not be so necessary unless you have heavy fall rains and strong winds that will break them down. A strong stake 5 or 6 feet long driven firmly into the ground with the plant loosely tied to it, will prevent breakage.

For choice cut flowers or exhibition blooms, pinch off the two side buds and disbud the branches to the last two sets of leaves near the stalk letting only one bloom develop on a stem. For garden decoration it is not necessary to disbud the branches as a large number of good sized flowers are of more value for a fine garden display than only a few highly developed blooms. Keep old withered flowers picked off and your plants will bloom better.

Cut Flowers— The blooms should be well developed and cut late in the evening. Put in deep, cold water in a cool place overnight. The blooms that have wilted by

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next morning will not keep. Burning the stem ends in a flame, or dipping ends in boiling water for a minute or two will help. You can sometimes revive wilted blooms by laying them in a bath tub of cold water or sprinkling the flowers with water.

Digging and care of the roots in winter— After the first killing frost, cut off the stalks at once, close to the ground, and let stand a few days for the roots to ripen. Dig carefully so as not to break the tubers near where they join the stalk. Remove most of the soil. Then cut off the rest of the stalk close to crown of the clump and pack at once in shallow crates or boxes. (vegetable crate 18x24 inches — 8 to 12 inches deep is ideal). Cover with shavings or sawdust and store in a cool, frost-proof cellar or basement. If your basement is heated by a furnace, it will be best to line the inside of crates with several layers of newspaper—also cover the roots thickly with newspaper to exclude the warm air which causes the roots to shrivel. Watch your roots during the winter. If they mildew near the crown, take off the top paper for a day or two to let the excess moisture escape. If too dry, moisten the sawdust or shavings or wet the top paper and replace.

Dividing— In the spring when the tubers commence to sprout, the clumps should be divided with a sharp knife to single tubers with one strong eye or sprout to each tuber. You will find the eye or sprout at the base or crown of the stalk where the roots or tubers join the plant — never on the tubers.

If, after dividing, you are not ready to plant, cover them again with moist soil, peat moss, or sand, to keep them in good condition until wanted.

In writing this article on Dahlia Culture I have endeavored to give you the best of my knowledge gained from almost 25 year's experience in growing fine Dahlias. I hope these cultural directions will be of value to you and that you may have great success in growing these wonderful flowers.

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