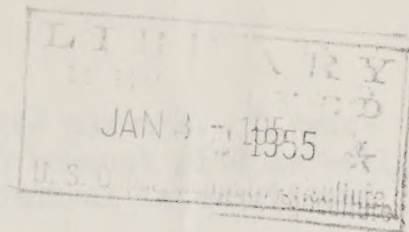


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GLADIOLUS FOR 1955  
 From  
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 P. O. BOX 23  
 OWATONNA, MINNESOTA



Once again I extend cordial greetings to all my customers and friends.

All my stock is grown without irrigation, planted, dug, cleaned and graded with the utmost of care. All bulbs offered are grown from young stock, and should produce exhibition blooms. I have had many letters from customers complimenting me on the excellence of my stock, the fine method of packing for shipment, and the extras that I include with each order, which inspires me to send out the best corms possible.

I want to personally thank all my old customers for the fine orders I have received from year to year, which is a recommendation in itself, and I ask my new friends to give me a trial this year for I know you will be happily surprised.

TERMS OF SALE - All bulbs are offered subject to previous sale. I will appreciate receiving orders for \$3 or more because smaller orders are expensive to handle and ship. I will include extras on all orders of \$3 or more. Please tell me if you prefer extra count or list others that you might like to try at the bottom of the order sheet.

#### BONUS SEEDLING BULBS

The three seedlings described below are not for sale, but I am to introduce them in 1956. Each is very outstanding in its class. You can see them in your garden next season. A \$5 retail order will give you a choice of any one of the three; a \$10 retail order will give you the choice of any two; and a \$15 retail order will give you all three. You will be give large bulbs.

Seedling 7-49. Class 466, blooms in 95 days. A Beauty's Blush cross, very beautiful, a light lavender, highly ruffled, a self-color with slightly lighter throat. Long flower heads, 20 to 22 buds, will hold 8 open in the field, very healthy, and a lavender showing no trace of blue in its make up. Makes the finest baskets imaginable, florists are anxious for stock.

Seedling 23-49. Class 352, blooms in 80 days. A Burma seedling, medium red with a small white stripe on the lower petal, tall, ruffled, and will open, from 6 to 8 in the field on a 20 bud spike, buggy whip style. Judged the best seedling in the 300 class at the Iowa State Gladiolus Show in 1954, scoring over 85.

Seedling 21-49. Class 370, blooms in 80 days. An Evangeline seedling, very beautiful, highly ruffled, a deep purple that is clean and clear, and very pretty under fluorescent lights. Spikes have 18 to 20 buds, opens 6 to 8, many show color, and should make an excellent show flower in its class. You will like this clean purple.

#### 300 WHITE WEDGWOOD (Allen 54) Genghis Kahn x Wedgwood

A pure white with a light cream throat. It is heavily ruffled and opens 6-7 wide open informal type florets on a flowerhead of 16-18 buds. Bulblet production is very heavy and germination is excellent. Blooms in 80 days







White Wedgwood has the same exquisite form as Wedgwood, one of its parents. It was not introduced solely as a show flower but as an arrangement and bouquet glad as well. In 1954 it won the blue ribbon in the arrangement class at the Central International Gladiolus Show.

Price: Large, 1 for 50¢, 10 for \$4; Medium, 1 for 35¢, 10 for \$2.80; Small, 1 for 25¢, 10 for \$2; Select Bulblets, 10 for 25¢, 100 for \$2; ½ pint for \$20.

PRICE LIST	Large: 2 for 25¢	Medium: 3 for 25¢	Small: 5 for 25¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 1	5 for 50¢	5 for 35¢	10 for 40¢	
	10 for \$1	10 for 70¢		25¢ per pkg.

A bu Hassan - Glossy deep blue-violet.  
Atom - Scarlet miniature with silver petal edge.  
Babs (Large and Medium only) - Small ruffled yellow miniature.  
Beauty's Blush - Recurved, delicate blush white.  
Betty Duncan (Large and Medium only) - Frilled orange, yellow throat.  
Benjamin Britton - Tall, husky deep lavender.  
Boldface - Large, tall, salmon scarlet with red and white blotch.  
Bo Peep - Early, small ruffled buffy-salmon.  
Bridal Orchid - Huge, tall, light lavender.  
Burma - Very ruffled large rose-red.  
Cardinal Spellman (Large and Medium only) Tall deep rose or purple.  
Carnival - Striking scarlet, large white throat.  
Cynthia (Large only) - Tall, early, light yellow.  
Dawn Glow (Large only) - Ruffled light lavender.  
Dieppe - Ruffled light salmon-scarlet.  
Evangeline - Tall ruffled light pink.  
Florence Nightingale - Tall, frilled white.  
Firebrand - A striking, and consistent red.  
Fire Gleam - Tall, early scarlet, white throat lines.  
Friendship - Early, ruffled pure pink with cream throat.  
Frosty - A huge orange smoky.  
Gene - Tall, early light yellow.  
Heart o' Gold - Early white with golden throat.  
Lady Anne - Large early frilled white  
Lavender Lace - Lightly ruffled lavender with cream throat.  
Lavender Beauty (Large only) - Very pretty ruffled lavender.  
Lila Wallace - Ruffled medium rose with deep rose lip petals.  
Lipstick (Large only) - Pink with red blotch in throat.  
Little Gold - Small, ruffled golden yellow.  
Little Pal - Rose colored miniature.  
Magnet - Tall, frilled rose-lavender  
Manchu - Oriental type buffy-yellow and red.  
Pactolus (Large only) - Ruffled, red-blotched golden-buff.  
Patrol - Tall apricot buff with yellow throat  
Pasteline - Huge, late light rose.  
Red Cherry (Large only) - Early scarlet.  
Red Charm - One of the finest reds.  
Ruby - A miniature red  
Salmon's Glory - Early large cream, red blotch.  
Sherwood - Huge smooth red-purple with deeper throat  
Sioux City Sioux (Large only) - A favorite in the deep rose class.  
Spic & Span - The finest deep pink on the market today.  
Starlet - Small, graceful frilled white  
Sweet 16 - Recurved tall cool pink.





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Tivoli - One of the finest large light pinks.  
Voodoo - A ruffled and fluted brown smoky.  
Velvet Mantle - A very tall silky black-red.  
White Lace - Ruffled small white, cream throat  
Zylpha - A rosy-purple with many open.

GROUP 1, Mixture - 25 large bulbs from above listing, entire color range, \$2.

PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for 25¢	Medium: 2 for 30¢	Small: 2 for 20¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 2	5 for \$1	5 for 60¢	5 for 40¢	15 for 25¢
	10 for \$2	10 for \$1.20	10 for 80¢	100 for \$1

Better Times - A fresh light blue-violet with a deeper blue throat.  
Chivalry (Large & medium only) - A smooth lavender self.  
Clarence D. Fortnam - Heavily ruffled, tall, blush pink.  
Columbia - (Large & medium only) Ruffled creamy white with rose edging.  
Cream Orchids - Ruffled and lacinated cream.  
Chinook - Huge late deep salmon.  
Dark David - Large frilled deep maroon.  
Dolly Varden - Huge salmon-pink with white throat.  
Elmer's Rose - Ruffled tall deep rose.  
Gay 90's - Unique color somewhat like a ripe plum with a blending of purple.  
Golden Dawn - An unusual yellow, tall, ruffled, many open.  
Gold - Large ruffled deep yellow.  
Ivory Queen (Large & medium only) - Tall clear medium cream.  
King David - The peer of the large ruffled purples.  
Knighthood - Round ruffled purple, white stamens.  
Lucille - A very attractive blotched miniature.  
Mother Fischer - Tall ruffled excellent white.  
Negus (Medium & Small only) - The finest medium sized black red glad today.  
Poinsettia - Pure light spectrum red, rich color, ruffled.  
Prof. Gourdian - An unusual tall creamy white.  
Persian Rug (Large & Medium only) - A novel combination of plum and rose shades.  
Palette - Deep scarlet with large purple blotch.  
Pink Classic (Large & Medium only) - Heavily ruffled and fluted pink, lighter throat.  
Rosy Future - A sensational new color in deep rose.  
Sport of Eliz. the Queen - A light grey sport of this famous glad.  
Sierra Snow - A huge glistening white that makes tremendous spikes.  
Sans Soucci - A huge rich glowing scarlet, white line on lower petal.  
Sterling - A deep lavender with a rose feather in the throat.  
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GROUP 3	5 for \$1.40	5 for \$1	5 for 60¢	10 for 25¢
	10 for \$2.80	10 for \$2	10 for \$1.20	100 for \$2

- CORAL ACE - An orange-salmon sport of Burma; deeper red-orange throat. A most attractive color, and seems to grow better and taller than Burma.
- FLAME GIRL (Large & Medium only) - Large brilliant flame scarlet. The brightest pure scarlet in the garden.
- NORDIC QUEEN - Light pastel apricot flesh pink with a smooth plastic like finish and excellent color penetration. An excellent variety.
- PAINTED LADY - Pure pink with large white center; lip petals heavily outlined scarlet. Florets heavily ruffled. Very novel.
- PAULINE (Large only) - A large, late pure white variety. Tall and will open up to 9.
- PENNANT (Large & Medium only) - Light pink sister seedling of Evangeline. Placement is good, but somewhat smaller than Evangeline.
- POLYNESIA (Large & Medium only) - Lively pure salmon, deeper than Picardy. Slight lightening of midribs, a few soft scarlet lines in throat.
- ROBERT THE FIRST (Large only) - A flower hard to describe. Tall, medium sized any other class with a blotched throat.
- ROYAL TREAT - Large velvety deep blood red, heavily ruffled, flat, wide open, and a heavy texture of bloom.
- WHITE TOWER - The giant pure white with vivid pink blotch. Admittedly one of the best blotched whites. Opens many well attached blooms.

PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for 50¢	Medium: 1 for 35¢	Small: 1 for 25¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 4	5 for \$2	5 for \$1.40	5 for \$1	8 for 25¢
	10 for \$4	10 for \$2.80	10 for \$2	100 for \$3

- ANNE SHERMAN - One of the most beautiful of the ruffled pink glads. Opens 7 large blooms of wonderful quality.
- Alfred Nobel - Deep reddish pink with an explosion blotch of cream extending on the ribs. Makes very spectacular spikes.
- CATHERINE BEATH - Very clean and deep medium sized yellow. It is tops in color, very tall and a sure winner in its class.
- CRUSADER - Beautiful medium sized white with light purple throat spots. Will open up to 6 lightly frilled florets.
- FORSYTHIA - One of the best newer yellows. Buds are chartreuse, changing to a clear medium yellow on opening. Can make grand spikes.
- FRANCESCA - This opalescent pinkish lavender is one of the most beautiful of all glads when well grown. 6 or 7 ruffled florets on tall spikes.
- HAMLET (Large only) - Very fine black red of a different shade than most. Does not fleck or burn.
- MESSA MIST - Soft silvery gray with lavender cast. One of the prime favorites among visitors to my garden. A lovely smoky.
- ROSEBUD PICOTEE - An unusual glad with buds that curl back like rosebuds as they open. A distinct light rose color with a delicate halo of rose pink at the edge of the petals.
- ROSITA \* Big and beautiful is this medium rose with light gray edging around the petals and a deeper rose throat.
- TYRONE - Reliable light lavender with small cream throat. May make a fine cut flower.







PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for 75¢	Medium: 1 for 50¢	Small: 1 for 25¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 5	5 for \$3	5 for \$2	5 for \$1	10 for 75¢

- A. B. COUTTS - An excellent exhibition glad in the giant buff class. A huge peachy to apricot buff, blending further into deep yellow in the throat. Clean, smooth florets, long flowerheads, perfect form and placement.
- KING SIZE - This giant of giants is a clear medium-light salmon with a few carmen lines on a rich cream throat. Opens many 6½ to 8 inch blooms on immense flower heads. Plants consistently are over 6 feet tall.
- PINK CHIFFON - Its lovely soft orchid-pink coloring is the outstanding feature of this glad. It is close to the color of the old favorite, Rima. A wonderful florist color.
- ROSARIO - Glowing rose with a clean rose red blotch. Makes beautiful consistent spikes with a clean, sparkling color.
- RUFFLED EBONY - Very beautiful deep black red of distinctive form. One of the most beautiful glads in its color. Does not open too many, but is very heavily ruffled, and has a very rich sheen.

PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for \$1	Medium: 1 for 75¢	Small: 1 for 50¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 6	5 for \$4	5 for \$3	5 for \$2	4 for 25¢ 10 for 50¢

- FIRE OPAL - Bright salmon-orange with yellow throat. Opens 6 or 7 on spikes of moderate height. Excellent color value.
- HARRISBURGER (Medium and small only) Marvelous giant red of a very brilliant, intense shade. Not a scarlet, but an extremely rich, bright pure red. Bulbs are in heavy demand and my stock is small.
- HEIRLOOM - I had the finest blooms of Heirloom last summer from medium and small bulbs. This is a lovely shade of clear medium lavender with a small white throat.
- KAREN - This was very nice for me last summer. A clear medium magenta shading to a large sulphur yellow throat. It has good substance, and good attachment. A color that the ladies all go for.
- PINK DIAMOND- In my estimation, this is Fischer's best 1954 introduction. A delicate light orchid-pink with small greenish-cream throat, and a very beautiful combination. It is nicely ruffled and will open many on tall spikes. It is really a very lovely flower.
- RECOMPENSE - This was introduced as an improved Spotlight. It is a recurved, ruffled yellow with a red throat mark. It has been erratic for me, doing best from medium bulbs.
- SNOWCLAD - This was introduced as an improvement on the great Sierra Snow. I saw only blooms from small bulbs and bulblets in 1954, and what I saw of it was wonderful and a fine white. Medium and small bulbs only this year.
- SNOWDRIFT - Large creamy white with slightly deeper cream center. When well grown it will open a large number of heavily ruffled florets at once. Has won many championships and will win more.
- WHITE CLOUD - Whitest of all the whites, and also the most beautiful florets. It will open 6 or 7 very large, round heavily ruffled flowers on tall stems. This is a very lovely white.



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