



# **Guess What We Did!**

We went ahead and planted over 965 Lily bulbs to keep everyone happy. Truth be told, it is also because we love them as much as you. Last year we ran out even though we planted right around 300. We are working hard to prevent the same issue again this year.

Over the next five weeks we will be highlighting a group of bulbs we potted up for the 2019 season. Each of these varieties come three to a pot and are sure to WOW!

# First Set of Bulbs



#### **Tabledance Lily (Hardy OT Lily)**

#### 32-36" tall

Zone: 3

- \* Large cotton candy colored blooms
- \* Ideal for fresh cutting
- \* 2-4 flowers per stem
- \* Improved vase life over traditional Lilies



### Trebbiano Lily (LA hybrid Lily)

40-44" tall

Zone: 3

- \* Bright yellow bloom, fades with age
- \* Taller plant excellent to be use as a backdrop for other full-part sun plants.
- \* Hard to resist 6" blooms

#### Salmon Star Lily

28-36" tall Zone: 3



- \* Can be grown in containers due to smaller stature
- \* Exotic coloring
- \* Fragrant
- \* Ideal for fresh cutting



#### **Carolina Lily (Double Oriental)**

28-32" Tall

Zone: 3

- \* Pollen free lily ideal for gardeners with allergies
- \* Beautiful double white blooms

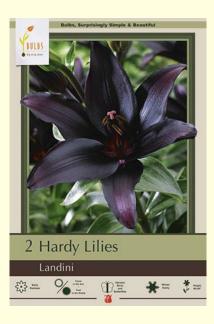
# Solution Lily (Oriental)

40-48" tall

Zone: 3

- \* White blooms with specks of dark pink to add a pop of interest to your perennial bed
- \* Ideal for back of garden
- \* Fragrant





#### Landini Lily

35-39" tall

Zone: 2

\* Deep red blooms that look almost black in certain light, sometimes referred to as Midnight Red

\* Large flowers facing upwards

# Alusta Lily (OT Lily)

44-48" tall

Zone: 3

- \* Soft yellow petals toward the outer edges while
- the center remains a brighter yellow
- \* Slightly cup shaped flowers
- \* Ideal for back of the garden



# Oriental, Tiger, and Trumpet... the List Goes On

# Oriental:

Bloom later in the season, tend to have larger flowers, can tolerate less than ideal growing conditions and soil, very fragrant

#### Tiger:

3-4-foot-tall stems, midsummer blooms with petals that curl backward, often producing up to ten blossoms per stem

#### Trumpet:

Also known as Aurelian lilies, huge trumpet shaped blossoms and impressive height

#### **Oriental Trumpet:**

Also known as OT or Orienpets, bloom around 2 weeks earlier than true Oriental Lilies, large flowers and intensely fragrant

#### Asiatic:

Typically much shorter than the other varieties, no scent, but provide bold colors with large petals, first to bloom typically starting in mid-June

#### Longiflorum-Asiatic:

Also known as LA lilies, these hybrids are a cross between Easter lilies and Asiatic lilies, most stand around 3-4' tall and have a light fragrance

# Tips for growing Lilies in our central lowa yards:

 Keep the rabbits and deer out of them with а repel of some sort. We trust PlantSkydd and Repels All products Taller varieties will need staking thanks to our summer storms Divide every 3-

years (share with your neighbor to remain on their good side) Let the spent stems die down naturally and then rake off to tidy up your garden Cold hardy bulbs great for island beds, berms, and other blustery areas

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Read more about Lilies from the Gardening Know How website. Photo credit to our bulb supplier: Netherland Bulb Company

### Salpiglosses

#### You said what?

Salpiglosses is a cute little annual we started from seed this year. The seed needed to germinate in complete dark and then moved to sunlight after seeing life above the soil. It prefers at least 6 hours of sunlight and can be pinched back to make the plant more bushy. Also known as Painted Tongue. Native to southern Chile



- Prefer cooler growing conditions
- Makes

   beautiful
   cut
   flower.
- Regular deadheading promotes continuous bloom throughout the season.
- Plants can be a

mix of 10 colors



### When Will We Open?

Well, that isn't an easy answer. We typically open mid-march, but with the amount of snow hanging around your guess is as good as ours.

We have had a few calls regarding bulk seed. The counter is almost ready for business. Please hang tight while we put the finishing touches on the area. When you do come in, we are sure you will look past the rest of the garden center not being ready for business. Honestly, we can hardy blame you for wanting to dream of spring!

Once the bulk seed is set we will update you through the emailer, Facebook, Instagram, and our website.

# **Next Round of Colorful Gift Items**



I had to include these two guys because we all wish we were somewhere warm enough for shorts and a t-shirt.



We are loving the fresh colors on the 2019 interchangeable Sassafras Mats.



Garden stakes galore

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