



Dahlias are prized for their elegance, impressive size and range of colors. The show-stopping flowers can measure eight or more inches in diameter with dozens of petals. Dahlias are classified by the arrangement of their petals, which come in several variations. The dahlia is a hardy native perennial in Mexico and Central America, and can be raised from tubers as an annual in Ohio.

### WHAT GROWS HERE

| Row 1                 | Row 2                  | Row 3             | Row 4                |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| • Kasasagi            | • Gitti                | • Marcella Louise | • Holland Festival   |
| • Ivanetti            | • Big Brother          | • Embrace         | • Emory Paul         |
| • pen Cherub          | • Hakuyou              | • NTAC ELIZA      | • Cafe au Lait       |
| • Bride 2 Be          | • Hollyhill Miss White | • AC Ben          | • Wyn's Neon Dream   |
| • Woodland Wild Thing | • Light Accord         | • Cornell Bronze  | • Penhill Watermelon |
| • Baron Aunt Dorothy  | • Boogie Nights        | • Fancy Pants     | • Karma Sangria      |

### HOW WE GROW IT

To encourage the big beautiful blooms dahlias are noted for, trimming is needed a few times during the growing season. In the spring after a few sets of leaves have emerged and lateral shoots form off the main stem, we pinch off the top of the main stem so that the lateral shoots will grow vigorously to provide sturdy stems for additional flowers. As buds begin to appear, we pinch off any buds on the side of the stem to allow the single central bud to bloom and grow as large as possible.

At the end of the season, the bulbs are dug up, washed, divided and stored for next spring.

### RESOURCES

<https://guernsey.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/news-guernsey-county-master-gardeners/dahlias>

<https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/files/Dahlias.pdf>

