



Spring Blooming Bulbs

2019 Catalogue

October 19, 2019 Sale

Swarthmore Farmers Market

There is arguably nothing more nourishing to the spirit than the sight of those first delicate spring blooms pushing up from underneath the frozen winter landscape. This year, the SHS is pleased to offer a variety of spring-blooming bulbs that will not only add magnificent color to your garden but will attract and nourish bees. Every variety of bulb was selected according to its ability to ensure the early arrival of bees into your garden, allowing them to feed before other native nectar sources are available. So bee-friendly to our dwindling native bee population and grab a bundle of these bulbs to transform your spring garden!

Can't wait 'til spring? One of our selections – *Narcissus papyraceus* 'Ziva' (Paperwhite Narcissus) – is meant to be grown ("forced") indoors. This special variety will develop into fragrant, elegant, blooming plants just 4-6 weeks after potting!

When to plant: All the bulbs in this sale must be planted this fall, but—except for the Paperwhite Narcissus— **don't plant your bulbs too early!** They should be planted **after** we have experienced at least two weeks of sweater weather.

Where to plant: Bulbs prefer well-drained soil and a sunny location although many grow easily under deciduous trees.

ALLIUM ROSEUM

10 bulbs/\$5.00



Commonly known as rosy garlic, the pretty, delicate-looking blooms are lilac pink with large, open petals. Use these hardy gems to bridge the gap between spring and summer flowering plants.

- *Blooms mid-late spring
- *Full sun
- *14" high
- *Fragrant/Deer resistant
- *Plant 8-12 per sq. ft./4" deep

ALLIUM SUMMER DRUMMER

4 bulbs/\$10.00



A towering presence in the garden! The Summer Drummer is the tallest and latest-blooming of all allium. This variety uniquely consists of two colors, with large globes comprised of hundreds of star-shaped purple and white florets.

- *Blooms late spring/early summer (June-July)
- *Full sun/part shade
- *Fragrant; 60" high with 8" flower balls
- *Deer and rodent resistant
- *Plant 4 per sq ft./5" deep

ALLIUM SCHUBERTII

3 bulbs/\$10.00



Stunning, sparkler-like blooms in a rose-purple color. This strikingly beautiful flower is the SHS logo!

- *Blooms: May-June
- *Full sun
- *Fragrant; blooms can span 12+”
- *Excellent for drying
- *Deer & rabbit resistant
- *Space 12” apart/6-7” deep

ALLIUM COWANII

8 bulbs/\$5.00



Open florets with rounded petals -- bears pretty, shaggy white flower heads in loose clusters that are excellent planted in bold clumps at the front of the border, containers or rock garden.

- *Blooms mid-late spring
- *Full sun
- *Fragrant/16” high
- *Deer resistant
- *Space 8-12” per sq ft/4” deep

ANEMONE BLANDA - 'BLUE SHADES'

10 bulbs/\$5.00



Daisy-like blooms with fern-like foliage in pretty shades of blue. Excellent ground cover for late Daffodils, Hyacinths and early-blooming Tulips.

- *Blooms early-mid spring
- *Full sun/part shade
- *0"-6" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 20-24 per square foot/2" deep

CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE

10 bulbs/\$5.00



Native to western Turkey, this perennial is among the first bulbs to bloom in spring, often poking up through the snow, hence it's common name glory-of-the-snow. It's a great naturalizer in rock or woodland gardens or on lawns. Showy pinkish to lavender flowers.

- *Blooms early spring
- *Full sun/part shade
- *6" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 15-20 per sq. ft/3" deep

CROCUS PICKWICK

10 bulbs/\$5.00



The most popular large flowering crocus, with striking purple and white striped flowers. Plant along walkways or in your lawn for amazing early spring color.

*Blooms late winter/early spring

*Full sun/partial shade

*5" high

*Fragrant/Deer resistant

*Plant 8-10 per sq. ft/3" deep

CROCUS ORANGE MONARCH

10 bulbs/\$5.00



Crocus Orange Monarch is an exciting orange crocus with a contrasting purple to brown flame. This rare crocus is a must-have for your wildflower collection!

*Blooms late winter-early spring

*Full sun/partial shade

*4" high

*Deer resistant

*Plant 12-16 per sq. ft/3" deep

FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS

10 bulbs/\$5.00



One of the most unusual plants in the springtime garden, the Checkered Lily or Snake's Head Fritillary, is an heirloom species dating back to 1575. It bears striking, boxy, pendulous blooms with paler purple spotting in a checkerboard pattern. Because the plants are relatively small, place them in groups near the front of the border.

- *Blooms early to mid spring
- *Full sun/partial shade
- *10" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 10-12 per sq ft/4" deep

GALANTHUS ELWESII

10 bulbs/\$8.00



This is both the largest and the earliest of the Snowdrops, blooming with pure white, bell-shaped fragrant flowers. The blooms stay closed on cloudy days and flare widely in sunshine. Best massed in sweeping drifts.

- *Blooms late winter to early spring
- *Full sun/partial shade
- *6" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 10-12 per sq. ft/3" deep

HYACINTHOIDES HISPANICA PINK SPANISH BLUEBELLS 10 bulbs/\$8.00



Also known as the *Wood Hyacinth* or *Spanish Bluebells*, 'Dainty Maid' has strappy, linear foliage and strong, upright stems with 15 to 20 pendant, bell-shaped flowers in a beautiful violet-pink. Great for mass planting and reliably hardy.

- *Blooms mid-late spring
- *Full sun to part shade
- *16" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 5 bulbs per sq. ft/4" deep

HYACINTHUS ORIENTALIS 'JAN BOS'

3 bulbs/\$6.00



With its slender flowering stalks and brilliant blooms of vermillion red, 'Jan Bos' has won numerous horticultural awards. Plant it where you'll be able to enjoy its heavy perfume. For best visual impact, plant in groups of at least 5 or with other flowering bulbs.

- *Blooms mid to late spring
- *Full sun
- *8" high
- *Highly fragrant/deer resistant
- *Plant 4 per sq. ft/6" deep

MUSCARI AUCHERI 'OCEAN MAGIC'

10 bulbs/\$5.00



*Highly fragrant/deer resistant

Lovely grape hyacinth evoking the colors of the ocean with its dark blue flower base softly fading to white caps. Excellent for pots and containers but also suitable for mass plantings. Naturalizes well without taking over like some other muscaris. Highly fragrant.

*Blooms early to mid spring

*Full sun/partial shade

*6" high

*Plant 15-20 per sq. ft/3" deep

NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE 'ZIVA'

5 bulbs/\$10.00



The all-time favorite bulb for indoor forcing is the Paperwhite Narcissus. Large clusters of pure white flowers arch above graceful, blue-green foliage, and their sweet, musky perfume fills a room with fragrance. Ziva can be planted in pots with sandy soil, gravel, or stones.

*Blooms November - January

*14"-20" high

*Highly fragrant

*Plant bulbs 3-4 per sq. ft.

SCILLA SIBERICA

10 bulbs/\$5.00



A low-growing delight whose little flowers are the bluest of blues. The Siberian squill is one of the first spring-flowering bulbs to brighten up the landscape. Great planted in groups.

- *Blooms early spring
- *Full sun/part shade
- *6" high
- *Deer resistant
- *Plant 15-20 per sq. ft/3" deep

TULIPA SYLVESTRIS

10 bulbs/\$8.00



Often found in woodlands, 'Sylvestris' is a vigorous, delightfully scented wild tulip with bright yellow flowers. The multi-flowered stems have nodding buds that open to face the sky. A real delight in the garden.

- *Blooms mid to late spring
- *Full sun to part shade
- *14" high
- *Fragrant/deer resistant
- *Plant 10-12 per sq. ft/4" deep

