

Corydalis solida 20 bulbs/\$8

Delicate-looking, light pink-purple tubular flowers bloom in early spring atop ferny gray-green foliage that is reminiscent of wild bleeding hearts. What a welcome sight for winter-weary eyes! Moisture-tolerant, Corydalis solida likes rich, well-draining soil in partial shade and will self-sow where happy to form a nice colony. Lovely in a woodland setting among other spring bloomers such as Hellebore, Bloodroot and Epimedium. Deer-proof.

6". April



Fritillaria meleagris Checkered Lily 15 bulbs/\$6

The Checkered Lily is an heirloom species dating back to 1575 and remains one of the most unusual flowers in the spring garden. It has charming bell-shaped flowers in shades of maroon and ivory-white which dangle above grass-like foliage. But wait! Check out the pattern! (See what I did there?) The flowers are checkered (yes, checkered!) Amazing, aren't they? Sure to catch the attention of anyone who sees them. Checkered Lilies do well in moist soils and part shade, and will naturalize when sited well. Deer- and rodent-resistant, too. Colors play well with Hellebores and Trillium.

8" April/May.



Muscari comosum plumosum Feather Hyacinth 10 bulbs/\$6

Circa 1612, the extremely unusual Feather Hyacinth shows off plume-like reddish-violet flowers above grassy foliage. Not resembling any other Muscari on the planet, it is most definitely a conversation piece. Pairs well with late daffodils and tulips, or as a color complement/texture contrast to Allium 'Purple Sensation'. They make good cut flowers too. Deer- and rodent-resistant, it will naturalize readily in well-draining soil and in full to partial sunlight.

10". Late May.



Leucojum aestivum Summer Snowflake 10 bulbs/\$10

English heirloom circa 1594. This prized naturalizer has wands of pendant, bell-shaped, milky-white flowers with green tips that look like painted fingernails! The lightly scented flowers arch daintily over grass-like, strappy foliage. This is a strong, hardy and long lasting variety that thrives in areas of dappled sunlight. Wouldn't it look lovely as a backdrop to small variegated hostas or primroses? Moisture tolerant, it also performs well near ponds or streams (plant above the high water mark). Deer and rodent-proof, Leucojum naturalize easily. 12" to 15". May/June.



Tulips 'Little Princess' and 'Little Beauty' 20 bulbs (10 of each) for \$10

You'll love these adorable species tulips! Just 4" tall, dainty Little Princess is Spanish-orange with a yellow-edged, black center. Little Beauty is cherry-red with a white-edged, blue center. Both produce 3 or 4 flowers per bulb and are scented. We've combined them here for a striking jewel-toned mixture. Sited in a sunny location that's dry in summer, species tulips will return and multiply for years. A very popular item and one of the few we offer every year. We always sell out, so order early! 4" Early May.



Tulip batalinii 'Bright Gem' 20 bulbs for \$10

Like little beacons in the garden, Bright Gem tulips shine! The apricot-yellow petals are flushed with warm orange and form the perfect goblet shape. The flowers open wide in full sun and close into a pyramidal bud at night. While 'Bright Gem' looks delicate, this species tulip is very hardy and will return for repeat performances for years to come if sited well. A favorite at the Denver Botanical Garden. Plant with the gorgeous Narcissus 'Love Call' (sold below) for a dreamy combination next spring. 6" – 8" April/May.



Tulip fosteriana 'Flaming Purissima' 10 bulbs for \$10

Not only is this tulip gorgeous, it's also intriguing! Each flower is a different color, ranging from creamy-white with raspberry flames and flares to nearly solid rosy pink with delicate white streaks. All are huge – as much as 8" across - and form an impressive display even from a distance. A welcome sight in early spring. Wonderful paired with Tulip Albert Heijin.

Fosteriana tulips are famed for their large, early blooms, sturdy stems which stand up to spring weather, and ability to naturalize.

16" to 18" Mid-April.



Tulip fosteriana 'Albert Heijn' 10 bulbs for \$10

Huge blooms in luscious shades of pink with a purple sheen and lighter tips. When the spring sun shines through them they literally glow! Spectacular planted with Tulip 'Flaming Purissima'.

Also known as Emperor tulips, Fosteriana tulips are some of the first to bloom each spring. The large flowers are held on sturdy stems and last for weeks. If you're looking for tulips which will return reliably, try these!

14" Mid-April.



Tulip 'Akebono' 10 bulbs for \$12

A recent Japanese introduction, this huge camellia-like bloom is a delicate creamy yellow with crisp rose-red petal edges, occasional pale raspberry striations and feathered green sepals. Peek inside and you'll find a steel-blue interior starburst! Meaning dawn or daybreak in Japanese, it has a faint, sweet fragrance. Sure to become a favorite in your garden! Shown here paired with Tulip 'Orange Emperor' and Tulip 'Purple Dream' (sold below) in a gorgeous display at the Toronto Botanic Gardens. Equally lovely paired with pink Tulip 'Albert Heijn' (above). 20" to 22" Mid-April/Early May.



Tulip 'Orange Emperor' 10 bulbs for \$10

The petals of this tulip glow in shades of orange and melon, with interesting green flares flickering upwards from the stem. Inside, the petals are darker orange with a yellow base. Opens wide in full sun, resembling a magnolia blossom. Granted the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit, this 'Orange Emperor' is truly an aristocrat in the tulip world! Large, long-lasting flowers bloom a little later than most Emperor (Fosteriana) tulips, making it a perfect match for Tulips 'Akebono' and 'Purple Dream' as well as Narcissus 'Sorbet' (sold below).

16" to 18" Late April.



Tulip 'Purple Dream' 10 bulbs for \$10

Probably the finest purple lily-flowered tulip, 'Purple Dream' features deep purple blossoms with pointed, reflexed petals and a delicate ivory heart. Blooming in the late spring garden, this tulip provides an elegant and graceful display when swaying in the spring breeze. Offers a striking contrast in color and form when planted with Tulips 'Akebono' and 'Orange Emperor'. Long lasting blooms make great cut flowers, too.

22" to 24" Early May.



Narcissus 'Love Call' 10 bulbs for \$15

A new introduction to the United States! "Love Call" is Butterfly-type daffodil that's as eye-catching from afar as it is up close. A skirt of white petals sets off Love Call's golden orange cup which is exquisitely segmented and frilled like a ruffled petticoat. A spectacular sight in the spring garden, 'Love Call' will make your heart skip a beat! Pairs beautifully with the shorter species tulip 'Bright Gem' (above). Both will multiply and provide you with years of gorgeous color. And don't worry – as with all narcissus, 'Love Call' is deer, rabbit and rodent proof!

16" April.



Narcissus 'Sorbet' 10 bulbs for \$12

Sorbet is a striking split-cup daffodil with lavish, 4" (!!) blooms made up of white petals and a star-shaped divided cup in yellow and ivory with deep scarlet-orange tips and a luminous green eye. Whew! That's a lot of words to describe something that's simply stunning. Unusual and incredibly showy, it pairs beautifully with Tulip 'Orange Emperor'. Add Tulip 'Purple Dream' to the mix for some contrast in color and height. Deer, rabbit and rodent proof. Multiplies easily for years of blooms.

16". Late April.



Narcissus 'Stratosphere' 10 bulbs for \$10

This astounding jonquilla daffodil can skyrocket up to 2' high! Producing two to three 2 1/2" flowers per stem, it opens deep golden-yellow and its cup matures to a darker golden-orange. As an added bonus, it's fragrant! Pair N. 'Stratosphere' with Tulip 'Purple Dream' for a rich jewel-tone combination, or try it with the cerulean orbs of Allium azureum (below) for a striking blue-and-gold display. Long stems make it excellent for cutting, too. Extend the daffodil season with this cheery late bloomer. Deer, rodent and rabbit proof, naturalizes.

18" to 24". May.



Allium azureum 20 bulbs/\$10

I love the romantic common name of this flower: *The Blue of the Heavens*. True blue is hard to come by in the plant world, but Allium azureum delivers the real thing. Each 1"- to 2"-wide orb is an eyecatching cornflower blue, comprised of dozens of starry florets accented with darker blue midveins. Love, love, love!

A hardy variety with Siberian origins, Allium azureum stands up beautifully to New England weather. It thrives in any soil without special care, and will develop into large clumps over time. A member of the Flowering Onion family, it is rabbit, rodent and deer resistant while the long-lasting flowers are adored by bees, butterflies and other pollinators. What more could you ask for?

Plant with yellow Narcissus 'Stratosphere' (above) for a classic French country combination.

24" Late May/June.



Allium 'Purple Sensation' 10 bulbs/\$10

Impressive 4" globes of vivid violet-purple star-shaped florets stand almost 3' tall, adding a dramatic architectural element to your garden. Sensational is right! This is the flower all your neighbors will be asking about. Very long lasting blooms can also be used as a cut flower. Dried seed heads are ornamental, too. Spectacular planted with Peonies, Roses or frothy Lady's Mantle. Given the Award of Garden Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society, this is arguably the most popular bulb in our fall bulb fundraiser. Try it for the first time or add to your collection...you can't go wrong with this stunner!

As with other members of the ornamental onion family, Allium 'Purple Sensation' is deer and rodent proof and a fantastic nectar source for pollinators. Best in full sun; easy to grow; tolerates hot, dry conditions.

May/June 30"

HOW TO ORDER:

You can email orders to LGC president Corinne Walker at walker152tmp@comcast.net. Corinne will contact you to confirm your order and make arrangements for payment and delivery. Bulbs will be available for delivery on October 1st, perfect timing for fall planting. Popular items sell out, so we encourage you to order now for best selection.

Bulbs are nicely packaged in decorative bags, each with a descriptive photo label and detailed instructions on planting. Buy for yourself and for friends, too...they make great gifts.

All proceeds from this fundraiser support the mission of the Lancaster Garden Club.



The Lancaster Garden Club is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and the National Garden Clubs.

Our mission is to promote interest in gardening, including horticulture, conservation, and education, and to engage in related activities and civic projects in the town of Lancaster, MA.

We're a fun, welcoming group of gardeners with various backgrounds, interests and skill levels. We meet once a month throughout the year, generally on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the First Church of Christ, 725 Main St., Lancaster. We hope you'll join us.

Membership is only \$20 a year. You need not be a resident of Lancaster to join. Benefits include: free admission to monthly meetings (lectures, demos, etc.), involvement in community projects, discounts at area nurseries, free passes to Tower Hill Botanical Garden and much more.

More details and up-to-date info can be found on our website at www.lancastergardenclub.net

or on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LancasterGardenClub



September 25th **Confessions of a Seed Snatcher,** presented by MariePatrice Masse. Join us for this humorous and insightful journey of discovery into the world of seed gathering. **Includes a hands-on component where you can "gather seeds" from a large collection** of flower heads, seed stalks, pods... Your awareness and appreciation of seeds is guaranteed to grow! Social hour from 6:00 – 7:00 PM; program begins at 7:00. Free for LGC members, \$5 for non-members.



October 16th Bulb Forcing Workshop A fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn techniques for forcing spring-flowering bulbs, as well as the origin and history of bulb cultivation. Choose from a variety of interesting flowers that will bring color and fragrance to your home in winter. Registration required. Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10 Bring your own containers and pay only for the bulbs you plant.



November 20th **Beekeeping** Erin Decoste will speak about the life cycle and jobs of honeybees, the bees' role in pollination, caring for bees and their hives, and much more. Free for LGC members, \$5 for non-members.



December 4th **Holiday Boxwood Tree Workshop**: Back by popular demand! Alix Turner will show you how to create a beautiful and festive boxwood tree to decorate your tabletop for the winter holidays. Registration date and fee TBD.