

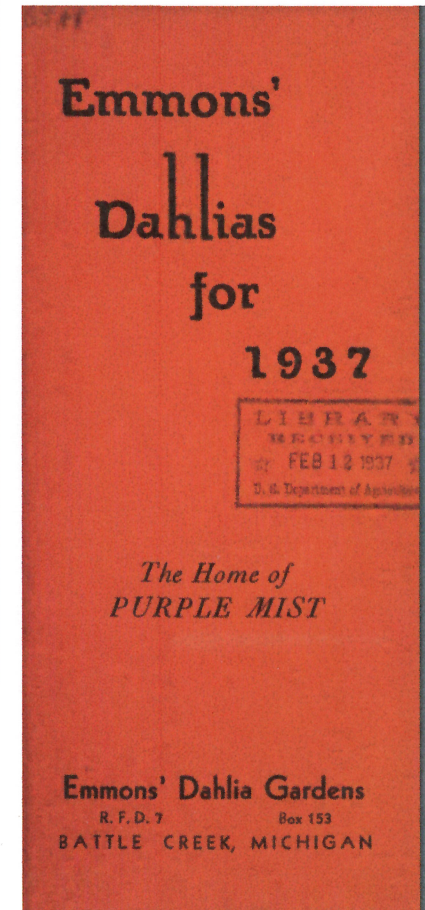
The Dahlia by Wm. Slaninko

Dahlias are annual perennial tuber bulbs that can grow to 25 inches in height and produce flowers of various colors. Flowering season is July-October. They are hardy plants but, lift prior to frost.

Dahlia is a genus of herbaceous plants of the natural order **composite**. Named after Dr. Dahl, a pupil of Linnaeus. The **genus contains 9 species** indigenous to the high sandy plains of Mexico. ***Dahlia pinnata*** is the flower of Mexico. Dahlia **roots contain inulin**, and **antibiotic compounds** are concentrated in the skin of the tuber. An important root crop and medicinal plant for the pre-Columbian Indians of Central Mexico, Yucatan, and Guatemala.



Dahlia pinnata



Emmons' Dahlia Gardens, Battle Creek Michigan 25 September 1940.
Probably contained a brochure promoting their dahlias.
Postage \$1.40 paid double the 1/2 ounce rate (70 cents) to Australia.
Passed by Australian Censor. US was neutral at this time in World War II.
Has 3 different cancels: killer bars, duplex, and machine circular.
Flew domestically to **San Francisco** and then on **Pan American Clipper FAM 19** from San Francisco to **Aukland, New Zealand**.
Onto **Australia via TEAL route to Brisbane** on BOAC.
Clipper departed San Francisco 14 October 1940.
No back stamp; estimated arrival: 29 October 1940.



Dahlia USA 18c

