



DOUBLE DAISY -- This interesting flower is the new double Gloriosa daisy, easily grown from seeds. It will bloom this summer if you sow them as soon as the soil dries.

Gloriosa Daisy Is Cinderella Flower

Every youngster knows black-eyed-susan, summer wild flower of open fields. But even some dyed-in-the-wool gardeners don't realize what plant breeders have produced from this humble wildflower. These high-toned relatives are called Gloriosa daisies and their five-inch-wide blooms dwarf these of black-eyed-susan. Some have golden yellow flowers with a dark brown center "eye." A new variety, Irish Eyes, has a green "eye." Other varieties are "zoned" with mahogany red toward the center of each flower, golden yellow towards the outer edge of each petal.

This variety is named Pin-wheel.

The newest Gloriosa daisy is even further removed from its origins for it has either semi-double or fully double flowers, also golden yellow. When they are entirely open a dark brown, velvety center may show.

All Gloriosa daisy flowers, single or double, are borne on the same sturdy plants and stiff stems that mark the wild black-eyed-susan. They open all summer long and continue even into fall. If you sow seeds as soon as soil dries you can have blooms in your garden this year.

There has been much debate about whether Gloriosa daisies are annual, biennial or perennial. Plants winter over from fall-sown seeds to bloom the following year. In some climates they then die. In other areas they come up from the roots year after year. You'll have to find, by trial and error, how they perform where you live. But don't miss growing them. They're really spectacular.

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Plants for wet spots: So you've got a wet spot where it's difficult to grow trees and shrubs? The list of moisture-tolerant plants with ornamental value for home grounds is not long, but it includes some good plants.

First, there's willow. If you've got the room, nothing's better. Their rapid growth makes them weak and wood breaks up easily. Roots may get into underground pipes and drainage.

Red Maple tolerates wet soils and is the most suitable maple for such locations. It has excellent fall coloration. Black gum is a slower growing tree than maple, and likes low land areas. The bald cypress will grow in swampy spots or in upland conditions.

A more recent introduction is the dawn redwood or metasequoia, faring well in wet soils. It and the bald cypress have needed foliage which sheds in fall.

FOR EVERGREENS: Try the Canadian hemlock and arbutus, both tolerant of wet soils. The Japanese yew (Taxus) is VERY sensitive to wet spots and may be injured (or killed) when water stands around roots for short periods.

A few shrubs for the wet spot include pussy willow, shrub dogwood, sweet shrub, bayberry, American Cranberrybush, Viburnum and chokeberry. Inkberry and the winterberry, two deciduous (means those which shed leaves) can be grown in moist soils.

For perennial flowers: Japanese and Siberian iris, Lythrum, hibiscus, many types of ferns, cardinal flower, monarda, forget-me-not, campanula, May apple, Solomon's seal, trillium and many more. Annual flowers include impatiens and monkey flower. Few plants will grow where drainage is bad so try to improve on drainage.

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GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "Last year a friend grew an herb that smelled like basil, but had purplish leaves. Please tell me what it is."

Answer: It was probably the new ornamental basil, having purplish leaves and a pleasant sweet flavor, useful for pepping up many foods, especially tomato dishes. Both leaves and flowers are used fresh or dried.



LADYBIRD POPPY, scarlet with a black spot at the base of each petal and Aquarius marigold (right) with double, crested blooms are new flowers for 1971.



IMPATIENS, Pastel Mixed fills a long-felt need for soft, pale colors in this flower, so widely and successfully used for planting in shady places.

3 Newcomers Make Debut

Three new flowers that you'll enjoy growing in your garden this year are Ladybird poppy, Aquarius marigold and Pastel Mixed impatiens (or sultana or busy lizzie, as you wish).

The poppy is an annual, best planted where you intend it to flower. Like all poppies, it is very easy to grow — just scatter the seeds. You don't even have to cover them.

The name of this new variety comes from the coloring, which reminds one of the ladybird or ladybug —

scarlet with a black spot at the base of each petal. The flowers are single to 3½ inches wide, borne on plants 1½ feet tall.

Aquarius is a new dwarf marigold of the French type, ideal for low borders. While plants grow only 10 to 12 inches high, they'll spread 15 inches wide and grow such a solid cover of brilliant bloom that no ground shows.

Colors are bright — mahogany red, gold, orange and yellow, alone or in combinations of two colors in

a single flower. The blooms are double, with crests of tiny petals in the centers, and grow to 2½ to three inches in diameter.

Plants will thrive in any good garden soil in a sunny place.

FOR YEARS impatiens, so useful for semi-shaded areas, had one flower color — a scarlet — orange. Plant breeders have widened the color range considerably but these three flowers are just most of the new shades in deep rather than pale.

Now there's a mixture of pastel shades only, to satisfy the taste of those who think paler colors show up best when the sun is not on them. It's known simply as Pastel Mixed and, if you don't recognize the name impatiens, perhaps you know this flower as impatiens, patience plant, sultana or busy lizzie. It has many names, all of which scarlet — orange. Plant breeders have widened the color range considerably but these three flowers are just most of the new shades in deep rather than pale.

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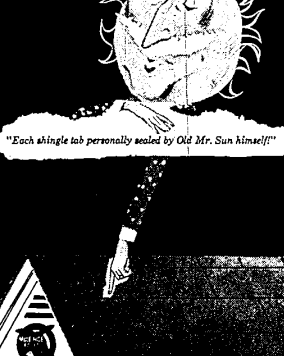
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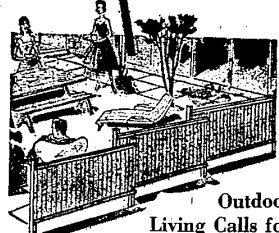
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