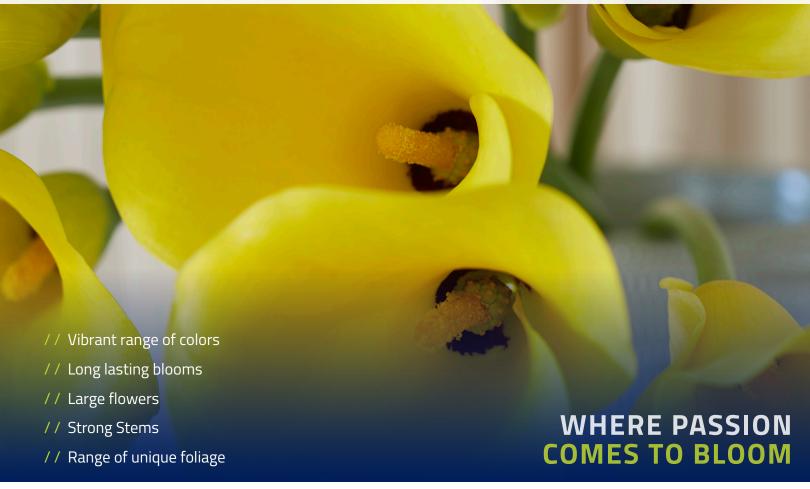
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Captain Ventura



La Paz



White Ideal



ROYALS



Royal Bounty*



Royal Jazz*



Royal Princess*



Royal Pumpkin*



Royal Salsa*



SERIES



Black Berry*



Candy Art*



Fine Art*



Ivory Art*



Pop Art*



Shiny Art*



Strong Art*



Sweet Art*



Virgin Art*



White Art*

Production

When you receive the shipment keep the tubers at room temperature and DO NOT put them in a cold cooler. Typically the bulbs will be pretreated with GA and fungicide. It is important to plant bulbs within a few days of arrival. Plant them 1.5-2" (4-5cm) deep and evenly in depth. This will make the crop time more uniform and also the effects of PGR drenches more equal. After watering the tubers, have about 1.5" (4cm) of dirt on top of the tuber. Plant with the sprouts/shoots up and be careful to not damage the tubers in the process. Once planted, water them sufficiently. With multiple tubers per pot make sure that they get planted the same depth and spaced over pot evenly.

Moisture and Fertilization

Soil should be a mix that drains well with a high level of peat and perlite added. Callas can grow with little fertilizer. It is recommended to use a basic application of fertilizer prior to planting. High levels of Nitrogen can increase the foliage production but can make the plant soft. This can reduce flower production and increases changes of Erwinia. Iron and Boron are two elements that are extremely important in development of Callas. It is suggested to keep EC 1.1-1.3 range as the plant develops. It is always recommended to have soil samples done prior to planting.

Callas need to be watered in well right after planting. Make sure that the whole pot gets a good watering/ soaking. Very important that the second watering together with a Fungicide drench is done after we see sprouts of about 1 to 2 inches. At this point the Callas need to be grown on the dryer side going forward. Ones more flowers start to emerge (approx 5 to 7 weeks after planting) increase the frequency of watering and go a bit more moist in the pots. We want to make sure that we do not create dried up flowers due to lack of water.

Insects and Diseases

Once the plant has emerged thru soil it is important to drench with fungicide. A mixture of Clearys and another fungicide often works well. Always be scouting for aphids. They can nestle themselves in between shoots and sometimes can be hard to detect. Marathon has a good long term working solution and can be applied after pair of leaves is visible. Botrytis is also something to be looking for in the fall. It can happen in a few days' time so be aware. It will present itself as small brown spots (circles).

Growth Regulation

Bonzi (Paclobutrazol) is most commonly used in Callas to keep them shorter. The rate can vary significantly between varieties. It is also important to consider the time of the year and the age of the tuber when determining rate. Rates vary from 5 ppm to as high as 20 ppm. For example, a variety that needs PGR in February may need no spray if planted in July. It is suggested to test a rate first for best results. The first application (spray or sprench) is given when the sprouts are 1 to 2 inches (2.5-5cm) tall. Please note – a variety that may not require PGR in July may need an application.

Temperature and Storing

After planting, keep the greenhouse on the warmer side (62°F to 68°F or 17°C to 20°C) as this will help the tubers emerge. After emerging of the tubers, the greenhouse can be kept at app. 58°F to 60°F (14°-16°C). Humidity levels should be app. 80%. This can be achieved by a cracked vent and air circulation (fans). During the day keep venting consistent so humidity will be around 60 to 65%.

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