

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: April 15 , 7:00 PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia fans,

At our April meeting we will be getting you up to speed on our tuber/cutting sale. I have gotten several messages from people that want to come!! Something to put in the back of your minds for the sale. Bring your Classification Book with you. Bring any tubers or cuttings (marked with their names of course) that you can donate to our society. Bring any boxes, shoe boxes, flat boxes, that are good as shopping baskets or for people to take their new purchases home.

In doing a random check, it seems that there are very few Alpen Pearl tubers available. This is our flower of the year and we need more for us to be able to show. If there are not enough for the show, I have about 25 Mexico that we could use as a replacement. We can talk about this at the meeting.

Remember to tell your friends about our sale. Face Book, tweet, word of mouth, etc. is all good.

See you at the meeting.

John

Refreshments will be provided by
Jane Fahlman, DJ and Peg

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: March. 18, 2014

San Leandro Library - Karp Room

John called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Asked what the rain has done to everyone's gardens.

Its been super for cuttings.

15 members present.

John had a hummingbird in his greenhouse for about an hour today and it was collecting lots of spider webs for nesting material.

As everything started raining of course everything started growing, a lot of worms. Curtis is doing Root Park had several bags of weeds.

So what else is going on in your garden? Beverly doesn't have a greenhouse per say but she got a little container and put seeds in - but nothing is growing.

John and different ones discussed how they start their seeds. Each one has their own way.

Curtis suggested a 'gopher killing jamboree' in Andrews back yard and see who can get the most gophers.

There was talk also of the drought and how to keep the water usage down.

Does anyone else use mulch? Several agreed that they use something similar.

Tuber sale coming up...

Any changes to minutes? All in favor of accepting newsletter(minutes)

We are solvent. All in favor of accepting the financial.

Beverly passed out the flyer for the upcoming tuber sale.

Beverly also talked about the web page she is working on. She said that in just about 2 weeks she had 60 new people looking at the web site. That's amazing

The average time that someone looked at the web page was 35 min.

Any bills to be paid? All in favor of paying bills? yes

Now its time for DJ --- He talked about seedlings and how to do them.

He talked about how exciting it was when you do seedlings. you never know what you get, etc. You'll be surprised when you do them cause you really never know what you get.

He showed different trays you can use to start seedlings in. He even showed his original seedling tray that had the Styrofoam platform with the 'wicking mat' and then cover. He would put about 15 seeds in a row. Seedlings are really not hard to start. Once you transplant the seedlings into pots, you can then take them outside to harden off.

He then showed a seedling tray kit that he bought at Walgreens for \$5 (and some change). He also mentioned that it would be one of 'Raffle man's' prizes.

He said it is fun to do and exciting.

Curtis suggested about if someone wants to make their own seeds, discuss how to open up the blooms so they can be germinated.

John said that the newer types of blooms have more petals than the past.

Now it is time for Raffle Man! The first winner is: Deva who picks -the seedling tray: Tony is 2nd, he picks the other seedling tray, Betty picks a pack of seeds, Pam picks the live plant, Marcia picks a tuber (Bernadette Castro) Andrew picks nothing, John Morton took the bulletins, Roy also takes bulletins, and the last winner is Joanne.

Thank you DJ~ everyone loved his presentation and the "Raffle man"

Any birthdays? Roy and Johns.

Deva wanted help with ribbons so Chris volunteered to help her in choosing ribbons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Eckelbarger, Secretary

Program!

We'll talk about what's going on in our yards...
and about the Tuber Sale!

Raffle Man will surely make an appearance! Bring your usable donations!

FYI

Photo from my yard... Ever see a Blue Eyed Carpenter Bee? A couple of them were in our yard last month... just for a few hours... and I haven't seen any of them since.

I didn't see the blue eyes until I put the photo on the computer... I had seen black bees, and honey bees, but these were a combination of both of them.

