

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: Feb. 17, 7:00 PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia Fanatics,

This rain is really making me hopeful that the water cutbacks we have been experiencing in our area might be over. The 42 days in between rains right in the middle of winter is a bit scary for plant people. Dahlias are one of the plants that is considered "drought resistant" but a good show bloom looks a lot better when it has had the right amount of water.

Several of us will be attending the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference in Sunny San Diego Presidents Day weekend. Make sure you attend the February meeting to hear what we did and receive information on what dahlias won the most in our conference. We will also have a special presentation at our next meeting February 17th. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

If you have tubers or cuttings to donate to our society for our tuber sale, make sure you label them so we know what cultivars you are giving. I am sure that we all have picked up a diamond at the tuber sale and found it was really a zircon. We want our customers to get what they ask for.

If you go by the Root Park garden, you might notice the dahlia light stand at the corner by the Portuguese Immigrant statue. Someone did a really good job of spiffing up that corner with a dahlia post.

If any of you have suggestions for meeting topics make sure to let DJ know. We want to give you information that you want to hear and be able to use this information.

Pres. John

Refreshments will be supplied by
Jane and JoAnn

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: January 20, 2015

San Leandro Library - Carnegie Lecture Hall

John called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with 12 members present.

He asked what was going on in everyone's gardens now? We had a round of applause for Chris Dix for his award for Olivia Maureen. Dennis brought in a wonderful cake in celebration for Chris.

The drought may have had some effect on tuber production and crown rot as experienced by several members so far. Curtis is already amending his soil with compost. He's not certain how many plants he will be able to grow at home this year due to the water situation.

Root Park is all dug out and Chris and Curtis are getting set for this year. There was some discussion of how and when to till in ground covers such as fava beans.

Beverly wanted to know who had difficulties with their ADS membership/mailings last year. She is trying to straighten it out with Alan Fisher. We had a membership raffle with some great prizes. Beverly distributed the names of those who were present and we began the raffle.

Barry & Marcia took the Osmocote, Roy & Bettie got the Rose & Flower Fertilizer, Paige & D J got the SLDS Tuber Sale GC, Curtis & Chris got GC's for Corralitos Gardens, Dennis Stone took a large vase, Joan Miller got pink garden gloves and an appliqué and John & Joanna got the other vase. Everyone enjoyed the drawing.

DJ did a mini presentation of the new introductions. Barry had brought his projector, however, DJ forgot it also needed someone to bring a laptop in order to play the CD. We will show the New Introductions CD at the February meeting.

We took a break to enjoy Chris' "congrats cake" as well as other yummy items.

John got the meeting rolling again and inquired when everyone was going to plant. Joanna said she would plant as soon as her husband said she could!

Curtis & Chris are getting their green house ready with some new soil. Curtis has an external thermometer he uses to control the temperature. John has mats with styrofoam under them to dissipate the heat more evenly. A good discussion of pot roots was held as well as what rooting method to use.

The birthday song was sang for Dennis (the 9th) and Joanna (the 26th).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Program:

Along with a dahlia discussion, you will see the New Introduction CD slide show and get an update from those who attended the Dahlia Conference in San Diego.

Here's Chris... Holding the congratulatory cake!



Picture by DJ