

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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<p><b>Next Meeting: Jan. 20, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Karp Room, San Leandro Library</b></p>
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**Southern California Dahlia Conference info is on page 2!**  
**It's coming soon!**

Flower Folk,

JoAnna and I have been digging up our dahlia clumps and have found that even with the rain and cold that they are starting to grow. (When it is wet and cold I usually bundle up and hide in the house.) I have heard that some areas have had very poor production especially with their pot roots but from what I have heard from our members, we look OK. We have set up our green house and have about 150 varieties starting. Hope they grow!

I hope that you can make the trip down to San Diego to the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference on Presidents Day Weekend. You can find the information on the next page of this Newsletter. I believe there was a mix up on the price of the rooms so expect a bit higher than on the invite. The San Diego folks are a fun group and normally the weather down there is to die for. Hope you can make the trip.

We sadly inform you that Steve Nowotarski passed away. Steve was a driving force in the Centennial Dahlia Show on the East Coast this year. He was big on garden variety dahlias, not necessarily show dahlias, as the garden varieties are usually better container dahlias. He put out a DVD on container growing that we have seen in our meetings. He will be missed.

I have spoken to Roy several times the last couple of weeks. He sounds really good and expects to be at our next meeting.

See you at the meeting,  
John

**Refreshments will be supplied by**  
**JoAnna and Beverly**

The Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference will be held in San Diego Feb. 14-15. At this time we will get to rub elbows with our Southern CA. dahlia folks. They are a fun group. The last three times I went to this location the skies were clear and the temperature was close to 80, in February. Why don't we all live there? Several special awards will be given out and the banquet will be a great time to socialize. If you can make it, please join us for this festive occasion.  
John the Pres.

## 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE

February 14-15 2015

The San Diego County Dahlia Society is honored to be the host of the 67<sup>th</sup> Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference the weekend of Feb. 14-15. We are hopeful you will be able to attend.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley at 3805 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego CA 92123 (Exit Aero Drive off interstate 15). To make room reservations please call Lisa Contreras at 858-503-2544 or by email at [ContrerasL@GFHotels.com](mailto:ContrerasL@GFHotels.com). Identify yourself as attending the Dahlia Conference. Rooms will be \$105 as long as you book through Lisa.

The registration cost for this conference will be \$60 per person. This fee treats you to the conference, a banquet Saturday evening and continental breakfast Sunday morning. Please make your check payable to the San Diego County Dahlia Society and mail to Steven Nakamura, 3123 Mercer Lane, San Diego CA 92122.

Registration for the conference will begin Saturday morning at 10 am (look for your goodie bag) and the business meeting will begin at 1 pm. We will not be serving lunch on Saturday, but there are a lot of eating places within walking distance plus the hotel has a restaurant. Our guest speaker Saturday will be "Farmer Roy".

If you have any questions please give Dave or Sharon Tooley a call at 858-672-2593 or email us at [djsj21643@aol.com](mailto:djsj21643@aol.com).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Society \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening menu—please choose one.

Mediterranean Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form and check for \$60 per person to: Steven Nakamura, 3123 Mercer Lane, San Diego CA 92122

*Just in case you haven't paid your dues for this year.... Here's the dues information again.*

*There will be a raffle at the January meeting for those who have paid by then!  
Prizes include two \$25 gift certificates from Kevin Larkin!*

## **Important Dues Announcement**

### **2015 dues are due now!**

SLDS only - \$10 (You get this great newsletter)

SLDS and ADS individual - \$34 (You get this great newsletter, 4 of the quarterly ADS bulletins plus 1 "Classification and Handbook of Dahlias")

SLDS and ADS family - \$37 (You get this great newsletter, 4 of the quarterly ADS bulletins plus 2 "Classification and Handbook of Dahlias")

***Wait - there's more! A January raffle like no other for the people who have joined SLDS by the January 2015 meeting!***

The people who join in January will have **2 raffle tickets**.

**Please note: We want to conclude the membership drive in January rather than February ... ADS needs the list earlier for postage reasons.**

All raffle prizes will be directly related to growing dahlias. If you have ideas, let me know. There will be at least 4 prizes.

**Program!**

**Beverly will be drawing winners for the "Dues Raffle"**

**There will be a visual presentation.**

**We'll be talking about dahlias and getting ourselves back in the spirit!**



# Happy New Year!

