

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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

Dahlia folks,

For those of you that have seedlings, bring them in and let us see them. Good or bad. This meeting will evaluate the seedlings that DJ gave us earlier in the year. We have only had one bloom so far and it would be a sure winner for the worst seedling of the batch. I have seen a picture of an outstanding bloom from these seedlings but I am sure it will be old and not worthy by the meeting time. (Sorry Dennis) For those of you that haven't tried planting by seed, it is really fun as you never know what you are going to get. You take a seed from a large bloom that is red and you might get a small variegated bloom. The bees go from one bloom to the next pollinating and that pollen changes everything.

This year there have only been three local shows and the bloom count in each has been down by fifteen to twenty percent mostly because of the water situation. However, the quality at the shows has been the best I have seen. Having judged the Court of Honor at these shows, it has really been a struggle to decide the Best in Show because of the great quality of the blooms. Congratulations to all for your care and exhibiting skills this year.

A big relief for the novice growers... Chris Dix has moved up from Novice to Amateur exhibiting class. Chris has dominated the Novice class the last few years and doing well enough that he has won Best in show several times including the Monterey Bay show a couple of weeks ago. Great work Chris!!

The Pres.

Refreshments will be provided by:
Quamrun Eldridge and JoAnna Hansen

San Leandro Dahlia Society

August 18 , 2015

Karp Room - San Leandro Library

John Morton presiding. Present---13

General discussion of SF. Show. Less blooms but quality "unbelievable"
S.L. Times --nice article of local dahlias including picture.

Easiest show for pre and post cleanup for John that he can recall. Thanks to all. Need for some new signs for categories. Thanks to Bev for great sign at library entrance. Hopefully 2nd sign will be available next yr. for side entrance. Increased cupboard space would be helpful. Police issued no parking tickets as per annual request during show hours.

Discussion reg. ribbons--- please take home, don't leave behind. Money prizes mentioned ---future discussion needed.

Treasurer's report ---Dennis Stone absent. John stated society is solvent. Bills presented primarily from 8/1 show

Chad Baker offered to meet with others interested in promoting SLDS to the community. Possibility of using garden club groups ---ex. Oakland-- to instill interest in individual flower societies. Apparently tried in past but not with success.

Mildew problems occurring earlier this season. Comments regarding various remedies ---baking soda, stylet oil, worm tea. Use of "sacrificial" plants and "All in One" mixture suggested by Chris for other insect problems including spider mites. We were reminded that Chris was a Sweep Stake winner

Barry did a show that high lighted our 2015 dahlia presentation.

Adjourned 8:30

Submitted by Maren Giannini

Program:

We'll be talking about what's happening to our gardens as we watch our flowers settle down for the winter.

Also, you will see a slide show of the highlights of the "Heritage Festival" in Santa Rosa this past week-end. It was the first time they had a dahlia exhibit!

The Heritage Festival was a gathering of all sorts of things about eating... tomatoes, gourds, lots of vendors... and, of course, for the first time ever... a room dedicated to a dahlia show! Here's a couple of pictures... you'll see more at the slide show!

