

San Leandro Dahlia Society

DAHLIA TIMES

April 2022



Kelsey Annie Joy

Diane Bond 2020

Letter from the President (1)

Dahlia folks,

I usually try to talk about what I have been doing too much but, well, here it is.

I spent a week in Boise, Idaho with Dan Pierson of Dans Dahlias pushing dahlia tubers to an area that has to dig them up each year or lose them. Most people said, we dig everything else up so what is the difference. One of the first sales we made said, I am going to buy \$40. worth of dahlias.

The first blooms I get will make a bouquet worth at least \$40. So, I made my money back. All the rest of the blooming year is just profit. At the end of the blooming season, I will not dig my tubers up, I will just get more next year and not do all the work of digging and splitting. What a concept. There is a new Dahlia Society there, this being their second year of existence. The members came as they had not been able to see the pictures and tubers that Dan has set up and bought like they loved dahlias and they do. The president of their society was on one of our past meetings, has magnet a picture of a dahlia on the sides of his truck and three on the back and his license plate was the initials of the society name. Talk about a dahlia fanatic! I can't leave this experience without mentioning a couple of our members DJ and Paige. They were great hosts and hostesses having us to dinner and, helping us set up and take down our display and getting me to the airport when it was time for me to leave. This is a heartfelt thanks to both of them for helping out and being good friends to us.



Letter from the President (2)

The tuber sale is coming up. You will see much about this in the newsletter, but I will say that your pictures will be gladly accepted as these will really sell a plain looking root that we are trying to sell. Plant this and you will get this. Much better than here is this boring looking root and you will get a flower. I will supply tubs to put the like tubers in and we can attach pictures to the tubs. A dahlia picture is worth \$6-\$8.



A bit about your president. I have had a bout of bronchitis and can't get over the cough and now I have found that the artificial knee I got last year has a flaw. I have a broken bone under the knee and will have to wear a brace (that keeps my leg straight), for three months. To go along with this, JoAnna has had pneumonia for the last couple of weeks. We are the walking wounded. ENOUGH!!

A couple of suggestions for the tuber sale we have in May. Bring your Classification books. If you have small boxes, they will be good for shoppers. If you are new to the club, the questions that the buyers will be asking will be the same questions that you have been asking in the Zoom meetings. If you can't answer the questions, there will be several long-time members that will help you out.

Looking forward to seeing all at the next meeting.

Pres. John

Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022 (1)

Secretary: Ginger Porrill

Meeting started at 7:05PM

Attendance:

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| ELLEN MUIR | EVELYN ROSA | DEVA LOWENTHAL | TIKA VITERI |
| GINGER PORRILL | MARILYN FONG | DIANE BOND | MARGARET |
| JOHN MORTON | BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT | LORETTA FIGUEROA | DJ Eckllebarger |
| CURTIS MAXWELL | CHRIS DIX | *RYAN GRISSO | |
| KRISTI WHITFIELD | CRIS WHYTE | *SABRINA ALMAZAN | |

*NEW MEMBERS – SABRINA ALMAZAN and RYAN GRISSO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEVERLY – JENNIFER JOHNSON LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS FOR 9/28 MTG. HARRY RISOTO IS LOOKING FOR A PHOTO OF THE UKRAINE FREE. MARK FOUND A PHOTO AND NOWS HARRY SO HE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.

4/1 & 2 – ORCHID GREENHOUSE – DIABLO VIEW – DOOR PRIZES – ORCHIDS FOR SALE

WANT AD SECTION IN THE NEWLETTER NOW – GARDEN RELATED – CONTACT DIANE

CURTIS WANTS TO HAVE A CLUB ONLY FIRST YEAR & SECOND YEAR SEEDLING SHOW IN SEPTEMBER

ELLEN HAS A BUNCH OF 4” & 5” POTS TO GIVE AWAY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/TREASURERS REPORT

MINUTES APPROVED – TREASURES REPORT WAS SUBMITTED

TUBER SALE

LOCATION IS RESERVED – DATE IS SET FOR 5/7 PLUS IS OPEN TO THE DAY BEFORE FOR DROP OFFSET-UP

PRICES ARE \$6 FOR TUBERS AND \$8 FOR PLANTS – MEMBERS WILL HAVE 25% - SHOW TIME IS 11-1PM – MEMBER SALE IS THE HOUR BEFORE AND POSS. ON FRIDAY EVENING

GUEST SPEAKER – MARK OLDENKAMP – STARTING TUBER AND POTROOTS – GAVE AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION

GARDEN UPDATES

ELLEN ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE WRONG BUTTON AND ENDED THE MEETING. A FEW OF US GOT BACK ON AND ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS.

MEETING ENDED AT 9:10PM

**DAHLIA TUBER AND
CUTTING/SMALL PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 7, 2022**

11 AM - 2 PM



Tubers - \$6 each



Cuttings and small plants \$8 each

**Sponsored by
San Leandro Dahlia
Society
SLDS.club**

New location:

Mulford Gardens Improvement Association Clubhouse

13055 Aurora Dr., San Leandro

(across from Garfield Elementary School)

We will follow the current CDC guidelines, whatever they might be on May 7.

Check our website, SLDS.club after April 15 for payment methods available.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE May 7th

SLDS ANNUAL PLANT AND TUBER SALE

We are pleased to hold our annual Plant and Tuber Sale IN PERSON this year on Saturday, May 7th from 11-2. It will be at the Mulford Gardens Improvement Association (MGIA) clubhouse in Mulford Park at 13055 Aurora Drive, San Leandro, CA. In addition to the sale, it will be a long-awaited social gathering for club members as we prep for buyers. Our members only sale will be between 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will have chairs, coffee, refreshments, and snacks for all volunteer help. For questions or to volunteer contact Ellen Muir at emuir54@gmail.com or (510)220-7665.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE May 7th

SLDS ANNUAL PLANT AND TUBER SALE

We need:

- donations of well labeled tubers with a good eye and plants to be dropped off at the park on Thursday evening May 5th, Friday May 6th from 12-7 and as a last resort, Saturday, May 7th before 9 a.m.
- the names of your expected donations sent to Tika Viteri at tikaviteri@gmail.com. She is creating a photo library for this sale and future sales. As John note, people will buy what they can see.
- volunteers to set up tables and organize the tubers and plants into their respective bins and tables on late Friday afternoon and Saturday morning
- Members at the sale who can help the buyers find what they are looking for
- Members for the membership recruitment and an Ask the Expert information tables
- Cashiers/Sales for the check out table staff (we are only accepting cash and check this year)
- Small boxes for buyers to carry away their purchases

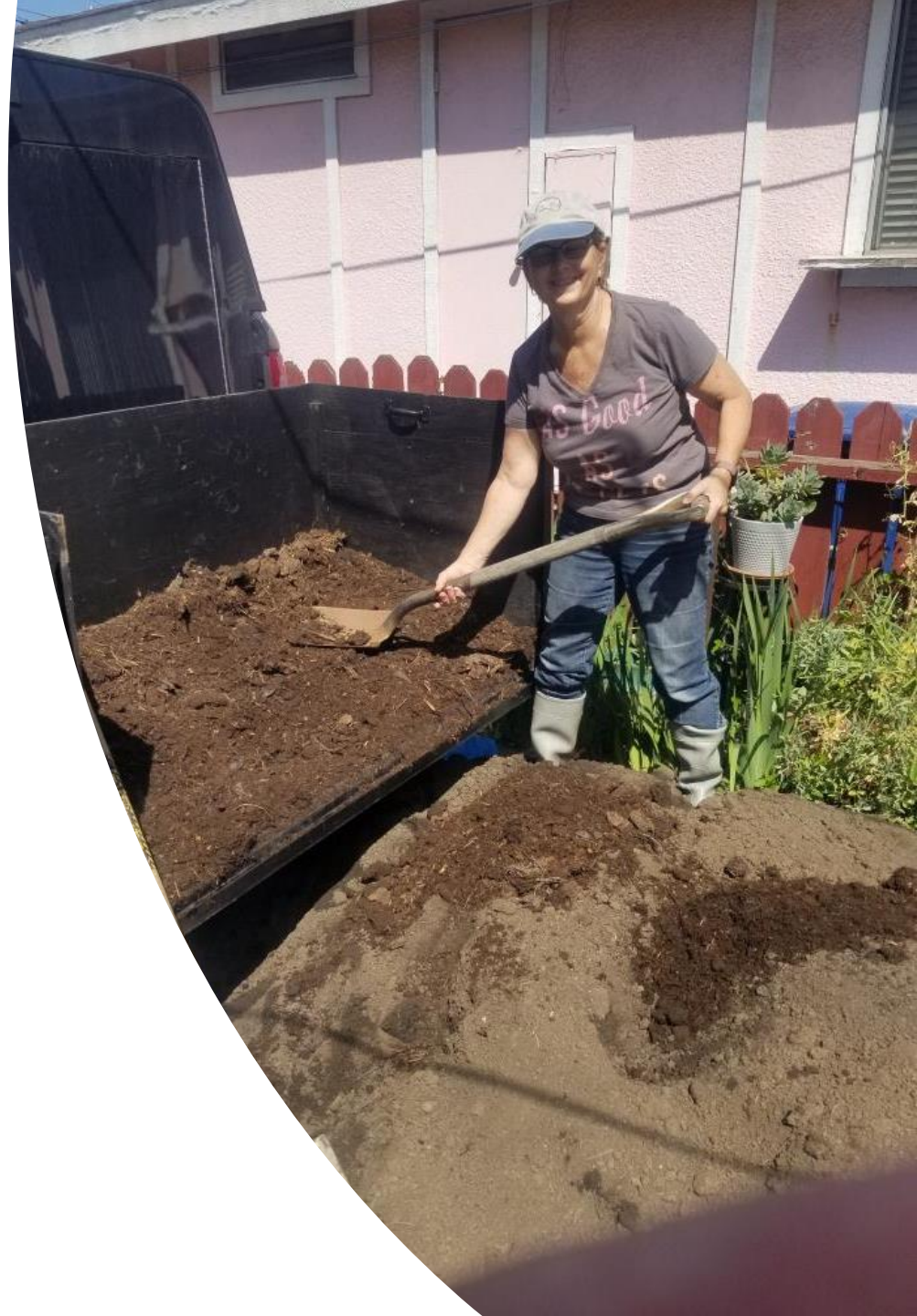
April meeting

- Tuesday April 19 at 7:00 PM
- ZOOM invitation to follow
- Deborah Dietz will be speaking on early season dahlia care.

How I Fell In Love with Growing Dahlias

by Ellen Muir

- In the fall of 2016, I attended my first San Leandro Dahlia Society Show at the San Leandro Library with my mother-in-law, Marguerite. We were stunned at the volume, variety, color and sizes of the blooms on display. We stayed for several hours “ooing and aahing” and asking questions before our feet finally gave out and we headed for home. After this first show I started wondering if perhaps I should branch out from growing rose bushes, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and beans. The next show that I attended was in 2018. The kind members told me that by joining the Dahlia Society I would have plenty of help learning how to become a successful grower. At the meetings I learned the mysteries cultivars, forms, sizes, tubers, pinching, disbudding, fertilizing, worm composting, powdery mildew, stilet oil, dividing and the evils of the diabolical diabtrotica beetle.



How I Fell In Love with Growing Dahlias (cont)

by Ellen Muir

- My first year I was gifted six “backup” plants from a member. Amazingly they grew up tall and strong and gave me many beautiful blooms. The next year, I planted twenty tubers. Last year I added six feet to my garden to accommodate just few more plants. One member suggested that I dig up my front yard to give me even more space.
- I am still a dahlia growing newbie luckily surrounded by respected experts who all generously share their wisdom, encouragement, enthusiasm, and love of dahlias. I joyously look forward to pulling out my tools, hooking up the irrigation hoses, dusting the peat moss off last year’s stored tubers and figuring out what to plant where in a few weeks. I am hooked. My garden is my happy place.





Want Ads and Notices

This is a page that we can all share with each other.

- If you have some dahlia related material to share, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you want something. A specific tuber, some fertilizer, some help with a growing problem, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you have a gardening/plant related notice (like a show or sale for another society), send a note and we will get it in the want ads.

Send a note to :

- bonddiane9@gmail.com

if you want to put something in the want ads.

Want Ads and Notices

- **Dahlia Society of California**

TUBER AND CUTTING SALE

Great news! DSC WILL hold a sale, April 30 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco. Unfortunately, our cutting team reports that tubers have been slow to sprout and so far, only about 200 have been made. Naturally, the cutting makers get first choice at what to take to compensate for all their hours of work. So, we are not sure how many will be available for our sale. We hope you will bring your extra LABELED tubers, cuttings and milk cartons to support your DSC. Because of the potential paucity of product, we are limiting our sale to DSC members and friends. Prices: named tubers--\$4; unnamed tubers--\$2; A, AA, B--\$10; open centered cuttings--\$5; all other cuttings--\$7.

- **MSU fertilizer** available \$5/ 1 lb container.

Contact bonddiane9@gmail.com

Activities for April

Digging and dividing tubers



Activities for April



Plant seedlings



Planting out tubers and plants