



DAHLIA TIMES

February 2023

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Claude Carrier
Photo Diane Bond

Letter from the President

Dahlia Folk,

Time is getting close for our Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference meeting and fun event. I am sure you will learn, enjoy and come away with a bunch of raffle prizes. Several gifts from dahlia growers that you will want to fight over. The next meeting everyone will be talking about the conference and you don't want to be the only one not knowing what your dahlia friends are talking about.



I might add, there are several of our dahlia members that have put in many hours making sure that this will be a fun filled event. Thanks to all.

Remember to check your dahlia stock if you have them in storage. If there is some spoilage you want to get that out as fungus can spread. Check to make sure your medium isn't too wet or too dry. Remember to label your dahlia stock. You don't want to give away your favorite and save something you have a lot of.

Good growing, Good showing in '23!

John

February 2023 Meeting

Tuesday February 21, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

PLEASE WEAR MASKS

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by John Morton
2. Introduction of visitors and members
3. Approval of minutes
4. Treasurer's report
5. Program: Growing dahlias from seeds
6. Nomination and voting for flowers of the year
(one fully double, one open center)
7. Announcement of judging seminars, presented
by Curtis Maxwell
8. Planning for the tuber sale
9. Q&A
10. March meeting preview: Starting tubers;
Amending soil, Tuber sale info/inventory



January meeting minutes

MEETING STARTED AFTER 7PM

JOHN MORTON

QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE

MARILYN FONG

CHRIS DIX

JOHN & FRANCIS

KRISTI WHITFIELD

ELLEN MUIR

DEVA LOWENTHAL

SUSAN JENSEN

NANCY CLANCY

GINGER PORRILL

CURTIS MAXWELL

BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT

PEGGY MURPHY

CHAD JORGENSEN, LINDA, LORETTA FIGUEROA, LINDA BAILY, ERICA WALKER (ALASKA),
DENNIS STONE AND SABRINA VIA ZOOM



January meeting minutes (continued)

- MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING APPROVED
- TREASURERS REPORT - 3000 CD 6446.28 CHECKING - APPROVED
- CHRIS DIX GAVE A PRESENTATION FOR MAKING CUTTINGS FROM TUBERS
- ELLEN DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE
 - *STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS PARTICULARLY FOR CLEAN UP.
- MARILYN DISCUSSED WHAT IS STILL NEEDED FOOD WISE
- CURTIS STATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN TEACHING CLASSES AND WAS LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK & INTEREST
- LOOKING FOR A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE TUBER/CUTTING SHOW - SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR
- TENTATIVE DATE FOR SHOW DATE - SEPT 9-10. CURTIS IS SETTING UP LAKE MERRIT AS BACK UP.
- KRISTI WILL LOOK INTO A COOMERCIAL SPACE.
- NEXT MEETING DISCUSSIONS - FLOWER OF THE YEAR IDEAS - CHRIS WILL BRING HIS CUTTING BED BACK FOR AN UPDATE - PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

MEETING ENDED AT 8:50PM.

SECRETARY- GINGER PORRILL

PSW Conference update

Thanks to the hard work of the PSW Conference Committee, we have a great lineup of speakers, wonderful meals, many raffle items and assorted swag items for all of the attendees. As of this writing, 52 people have registered to attend.

Kudos to the committee members for meeting weekly since November 1st by Zoom and at times in person to make this event a success. The planning committee members are; John Morton, Chris Dix, Chad Jorgensen, Erika Wolter, Dennis Stone, Quamrun Eldridge, Linda Bailey, Nancy Clancy, Beverly Dahlstedt, Curtis Maxwell, Marilyn Fong, Sabrina Almazan, Craig Callihan, Frances Kawaguchi, Kristi Whitfield, Ginger Porrill, Leslie Servin and the many SLDS members who will show up and help out the 18th.

You are amazing!



Donations for the raffle!

We would like to thank all of the generous donors for their contributions. It is going to be fun. Beverly is still accepting donations and suggests the following:

- Gardening supplies that are not tools (gloves? fertilizer? other?)
- Wine

Something too big? You aren't going to be at the meeting? Contact Beverly (beverlydahlstedt@sbcglobal.net) Arrangements can be made.



INTRODUCTION TO JUDGING DAHLIAS

A four part series for beginners

Instructor: Curtis Maxwell, Senior Judge

Presenting:

- Basic Terminology used to describe and discuss Dahlias
How to identify each cultivar type
- Alphabetic and numeric classification system
- Introductory comparative judging Using the Classification and Handbook of Dahlias (the CHD)

Benefits:

- Facilitates use of the CHD Aids in understanding of show schedules
- Enables exhibitors to select most competitive entries
- Helpful preparation for taking the accredited judges exam.

Format:

- Four, one hour Zoom sessions

Student requirements:

- Access to the CHD
- Computer with access to the internet Guide to Judging Dahlias (Optional but recommended)



Clearview Daniel

San Leandro Dahlia Society Membership

Dues are DUE!

- **NOW** is the time to send in your membership dues.
- American Dahlia Society AND San Leandro Dahlia Society membership is from May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024



Send the following LEGIBLE information:

Name
Address
Phone #
Email

Not necessary if you are a returning member and the information we have on you is correct.

AND a check for membership made out to San Leandro Dahlia Society

SLDS ONLY	\$10
SLDS and single ADS	\$40
SLDS and family ADS	\$45

Send to:

Diane Bond
11177 Elvessa St
Oakland, CA 94605

**San Leandro Dahlia Society
dues for 2023 are \$10.
Your SLDS dues get you:**

- ** A \$20 new member credit at our annual plant and tuber sale in the spring.
- ** Our own monthly newsletter which lists all the happenings at a local level
- ** Participation in our monthly meetings, not to mention meeting and working side by side with many knowledgeable dahlia growers and hybridizers.
- ** Opportunity to participate in the annual dahlia show.

**American Dahlia Society dues for
2023 are \$40 for an individual or
\$45 for a family. (This includes \$10 for
SLDS.) Dues cover full membership in the
America Dahlia Society (ADS) in which you will
receive:**

- ** The quarterly Bulletin of ADS in which growers from all over North America share their successes and triumphs as well as their unsuccessful attempts at growing dahlias.
- ** A copy of the ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias, which lists those dahlia varieties that have won top awards over the last 5 years. (Two copies for the Family Membership)
- ** All new members will receive ADS's Guide to Growing and Caring for Dahlias. This is an excellent guide for all levels of growers, from beginner to novice to amateur.
- ** Access to the ADS website.



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

This is the season that many of us are looking for tubers for next year. Below is a list of sites and vendors that might help you in your quest.

- Dahlia Addict (<https://dahliaaddict.com/>) This site lists many US suppliers and cultivars they have available.

The following is a list of suppliers that were mentioned at the October meeting:

- Cowlitz River Dahlias (<https://www.dahlias4u.com/>) **OPEN JANUARY 2023**
- JS Dahlias (<http://www.jsdahlias.com/>)
- Lobaugh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>) **OPEN December 1 2022**
- Connell's Dahlias (<https://connells-dahlias.com/>) **OPEN NOW!**
- Dan's Dahlias (<https://www.shop.dansdahlias.com/>)
- Arrowhead Dahlias (<https://www.arrowheaddahlias.com/>) **OPEN NOW!**
- Birch Bay (<http://www.birchbaydahlias.com/>)
- Stonehouse Dahlias (<https://stonehousedahlias.com/>) Rooted cutting of Kristine Albrecht's cultivars.

Support our supporters!

Lougagh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>), Swan Island (<https://www.dahlias.com>) and Stonehouse Dahlias (<https://stonehousedahlias.com/>) have agreed to send tubers/plants for the PSW Conference auction. Please show your appreciation of their support by shopping at their sites.



Want Ads and Notices

- Dahlia swap opportunities : www.sunsetviewfarmdahlias.com

Upcoming Local Orchid Shows

- Pacific Orchid Exposition
February 24, 25, 2023 10 AM - 5 PM
February 26, 2023 10 AM – 4 PM \$12 in advance
County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave
San Francisco, CA

