

Dahlia Times

San Leandro
Dahlia Society
March 2023



Photo Leslie Sevrin

Letter from the President

Dahlia Folk,

I am still receiving calls about our February Dahlia Conference. The venue was perfect. The subject matter was pertinent. The part about making our societies stronger in the future seemed to really reach our sister societies. Thanks again to all of those that worked so hard to make this event such a success.



As you are probably receiving tubers from various places, now is too early to plant them. We need the ground to be warmer and certainly not as wet. If your tubers come in plastic bags, open the bags so condensation will not build up inside the bag. Put your tuber in a cool dark place until ready to plant. Pull out your phones, put in the date you want to plant and wait for the alarm. You don't want to forget to plant your future beautiful plants. Just think, your tuber could produce a blue ribbon for you at the shows!!

Please be checking your tubers as the society will be needing the spares for our tuber sale. My cuttings are growing very slowly. I have pot roots under lights and with bottom heat. The greenhouse just isn't getting enough sun to keep it warm so everything is growing slowly.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Pres. John

March 2023 Meeting

Tuesday March 21, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by John Morton
2. Introduction of visitors and members
3. Approval of minutes, treasurer's report
4. Program: Group discussion of planting tubers, amending the planting hole, other expert tips and tricks
5. Recap of Annual Conference feedback session and actions for our society (Ellen and Quamrun)
6. Planning for the tuber sale — Sign ups — Bring your list of tubers if you can
7. Q&A

April meeting preview: Starting tubers; Amending soil, Tuber sale info/inventory



February meeting minutes

MEETING STARTED AFTER 7PM

JOHN MORTON

MARILYN FONG

BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT

CHRIS DIX

FRANCES AND JOHN KAWAGUCHI

CURTIS MAXWELL

GINGER PORRILL

ELLEN MUIR

CRAIG CALLAHAN

QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE

KRISTI WHITFIELD

DIANE BOND

DEVA LOWENTHAL

JEFF BENNETT - NEW

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

MEETING STARTED AT 7:12PM

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – APPROVED

TREASURERS REPORT- APPROVED

FLOWER OF THE YEAR - FULLY DOUBLE = MAYA ZOE
(OLIVIA MARIE AS BACKUP)

OPEN CENTER = NOT ENOUGH STOCK - SO NOT DOING IT
THIS YEAR



Maya Zoe
Photo Curtis Maxwell

February meeting minutes (continued)

CURTIS - SEED STARTING - FROM CROSS POLLINATING FLOWERS. PLANT YOUR GARDEN BASED ON WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING TO TRY FOR.

GERMINATING YOUR SEEDS - PUTTING YOUR SEED BTWN LAYERS OF WET PAPERTOWELS - SLIT SIDES OF A ZIP LOCK BAG FOR EASY ACCESS - PUT IN A WARM LOCATION. YOU CAN STACK MULTIPLE BAGS. AFTER 3-4 DAYS CHECK, THEN CHECK DAILY LOOKING FOR ROOTS. AFTER ROUGHLY A WEEK WHATEVER IS GOING TO GERMINATE WILL. TRANSPLANT TO SOIL. BOTTOM WATER ONLY TO AVOID DAMP OFF. AGAIN KEEP IN WARM PLACE IF NOT ABLE TO THEN USE A HEATING PAD BUT BE CAREFUL TO NOT COOK THEM. ALSO KEEP IN LIT AREA OTHERWISE USE A SHOPLIGHT. OKAY TO USE SEED STARTER OR POTTING SOIL/PEAT MOSS IN 50/50 MIX. MAYBE USE A DILUTED MIRACLE GROW ONCE WHEN ITS IN A PEET POT.

CHRIS DIX -. HE GAVE A DEMO ON CUTTINGS FROM POT ROOTS. CUT 1\8 OF AN INCH BELOW LEAF NODE. WHEN PUTTING IT IN THE OASIS, PUT HALF WAY DOWN AND MAKE SURE THE NODE HAS GOOD CONTACT AND IS BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE OASIS. THE LARGER (OLDER) THE CUTTING THE LESS LIKELY IT IS TO TAKE. IN 10 DAYS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET MORE CUTTINGS FROM THE SAME PLANT. IN APPROX. 18 DAYS YOU CAN TRANSFER THE CUTTINGS IN THE OASIS CUBES TO SOIL. PULL THE CUBES AND CHECK FOR ROOTS - NO ROOTS WAIT. ROOTS TRANSFER TO 4 INCH POTS. NEED LIGHT. ONCE A WEEK, LIGHTLY FERTILIZE. KEEP MOIST BUT NOT WET. CUTTING CAN BE PLANTED OUTSIDE IN MID MAY.

February meeting minutes (continued)

CONFERENCE -

- PLUSES - GREAT SPEAKERS, VENUE\PARKING, FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER GROUPS WERE VERY IMPRESSED. KUDOS TO ELLEN, QUAMRUN, KRISTI, BEVERLY, FRANCES, MARILYN AND SABRINA.
- MINUSES - DID NOT GET GROUP PHOTOS AND NOT HAVING IT ON A 3 DAY WEEKEND AGAIN
- WE CAME CLOSE TO BREAKING EVEN- \$250 IN THE RED
EXPENSES
\$1568 VENUE & \$100 KITCHEN
\$2857 CATERING
\$200 SPEAKER HONERARIUM
- KRISTI RECOMMENDS GETTING A SOUND SYSTEMS THAT WE USED - ITS \$200 - VOTED AND PASSED
- JUDGING SEMINAR - MARCH ZOOM MEETING EVERY MONDAY - 4 SESSIONS
- DIANE BOND - MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE -
- APRIL 22ND - TUBER/CUTTING SALE - NEED A CHAIR - LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
- THE VENUE FOR THE TUBER SALE SUSTAINED TREE DAMAGED THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS. WE VOTED TO DONATE \$200.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:55PM

HELP NEEDED FOR THE April 22nd SLDS ANNUAL PLANT AND TUBER SALE

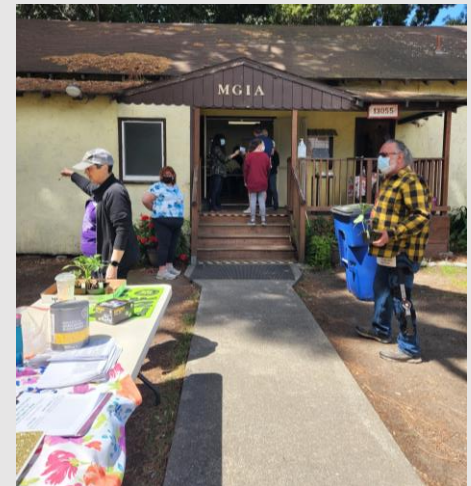
We are pleased to hold our annual Plant and Tuber Sale this year on Saturday, April 22nd from 11-2. It will be at the Mulford Gardens Improvement Association (MGIA) clubhouse in Mulford Park

13055 Aurora Drive
San Leandro, CA.

In addition to the sale, it will be a social gathering for club members as we prep for buyers. Our members only sale will be between 9:30-10:30 a.m (member prices \$4 tuber, \$6 plant). We will have chairs, coffee, refreshments, and snacks for all volunteer help.

Use the following link to sign up to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10VkvZ5_iXuGDnOJCczAe3t7XoA3iMEW-ZrgaQ2PuyYM/edit?usp=sharing



HELP NEEDED FOR THE APRIL 22nd 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 April 20th, Friday April 21st from 2-6 and as a last resort, Saturday, April 22nd before 9 a.m.
- Cultivar names of your expected donations sent to Diane Bond (bonddiane9@gmail.com). She is creating a photo library for this sale and future sales. As John noted, 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
- Volunteers at the sale who can help the buyers find what they are looking for
- Volunteers for the membership recruitment and an Ask the Expert information tables
- Cashiers/Sales for the check out table staff
- Small boxes for buyers to carry away their purchases

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San Leandro Dahlia Society Membership

Dues are DUE!

- **NOW** is the time to send in your membership dues.
DEADLINE APRIL 10.
- 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.

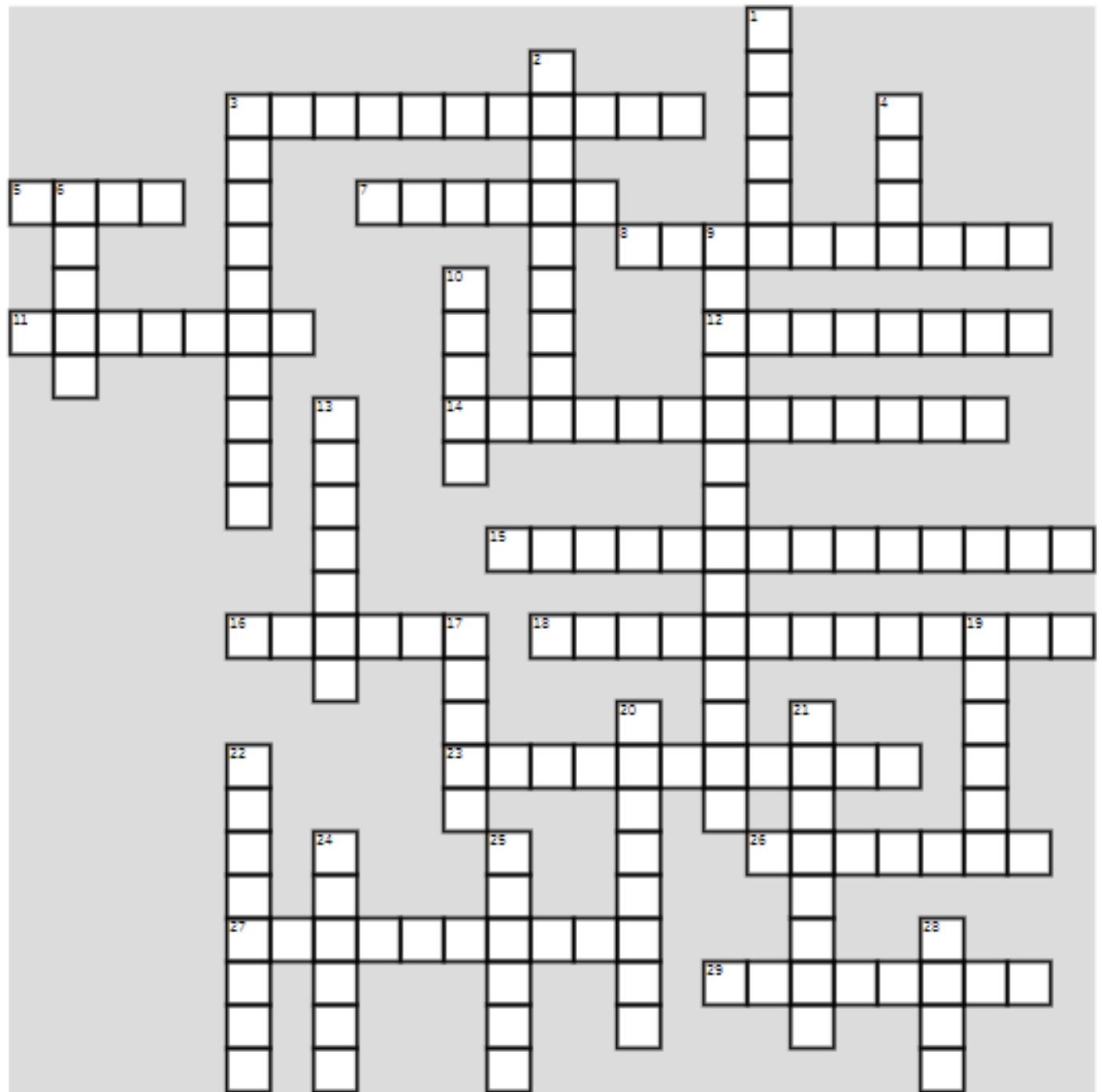
**American Dahlia Society dues for
2023 are \$40 for an individual or
\$45 for a family. (This includes \$10 for
SLDS.) Dues cover full membership in the
America Dahlia Society (ADS) in which you will
receive:**

- ** 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.

March Maddness

A crossword puzzle for your enjoyment. If you disagree with the answers or find a mistake... well, fire the editor!

Answers on the last page of the newsletter.



Across

- 3 What is John Morton's favorite dahlia vendor?
- 5 Clearview Daniel's form
- 7 Tool for digging in flower bed
- 8 Form of Olivia Maureen
- 11 Color of Pooh's petals
- 12 Product of earthworms used as soil ammendment
- 14 ADS Judging Chairperson for SLDS
- 15 Location of the SLDS 2023 tuber/plant sale _____ Improvement Association
- 16 A good way to protect your hands in the garden
- 18 Fungal problem for Dahlias
- 23 Most highly awarded white informal decorative bloom in the 2023 classification handbook
- 26 Good additive to your flower beds
- 27 Color of AC Ben
- 29 What's the difference between orchid and orchette forms

Down

- 1 She grows dahlias at Casa Peralta
- 2 Organizer of this years PSW Conference
- 3 Common dahlia pest
- 4 Senior ADS judge
- 6 What month is the SLDS 2023 tuber/plant sale
- 9 Common name for diabrotica
- 10 How to get your dahlia plants to branch
- 13 Tuber grown overwinter in a small pot
- 17 What to plant at the same time you plant your tubers.
- 19 Honorable SLDS treasurer
- 20 Originator of Olivia Maureen
- 21 Shape of straight cactus blooms ray florets
- 22 Shape of stellar blooms ray florets
- 24 A common month for dahlia shows
- 25 Clearview Daniel's color
- 28 Long suffering President of SLDS



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.



2023
Annual
Dahlia
Tuber
&
Plant
Sale

Saturday
April 15
9-11am

**Deer Park Shopping Center, Aptos
Upper Level in Front of the Red Apple Cafe.**

Rain or Shine. Come Early for Best Selection.

Sponsored by the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

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