

Dahlia Times

San Leandro
Dahlia Society
April 2023



Bloomquist Jean

Letter from the President

Dahlia Folk,

From attending flower and garden shows in Seattle and Boise, I can tell you that people are ready to garden. From those that had plants to sell to those selling greenhouses, garden tools and even hummingbird feeders the vendors were all smiles. Let's hope this gardening virus visits our tuber sale as well.



As I am digging up my tuber clumps, I am finding a lot of tubers sprouting, some as much as leaves coming out of the ground. I am also finding slugs munching on these new chutes. If you haven't dug your dahlias or are getting ready to plant, make sure you put something down for the slugs, snails and earwigs. Your plants may start growing and coming out of the ground but you won't see them because a snail has made a salad out of them. Beware of these bad bugs.

Just a note from our neighborhood. In January there were four trees blown down by high winds and muddy soil. In April there was a ninety-foot eucalyptus tree fall from the freeway fence landing within ten feet of my greenhouse. The ground was water saturated and the winds were as bad as i can remember for our area. I will say, it is nice to see our lakes and reservoirs full again.

I hope to see all of you at the tuber sale. This event is our main source of revenue so we can have our shows. These shows are costing more and more each year as the show venues are getting more costly and harder to find.

See you at the meeting,

Pres. John

April 2023 Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

AGENDA

- Opening remarks by John Morton
2. Introduction of visitors and members
3. Approval of minutes, treasurer's report
4. Program: Group discussion spring planting of tubers, seeds and cuttings.
5. Tuber storage recap. Let us know what worked and what didn't work for tuber storage.
6. Final plans for upcoming tuber sale — Sign ups — Bring your list of tubers if you can
7. Tuber giveaway of new varieties bought by the club.
8. Tuber trading (bring tubers (or cuttings) to trade with other members)
9. Curtis will have Maya Zoe plants available (flower of the year)
10. May meeting preview: Classification and judging



Tuber Giveaway Message From Beverly

Greetings, Dahlia Friends!

Remember a few meetings ago that we voted to buy new tubers for the society to grow? Chris and I watched the PowerPoint presentation of new dahlias and bought accordingly.

I now have about 10 tubers to "give away." Chris took four others to make cuttings in early March ... or was it February. At any rate, the giveaway will be done at the April meeting. Everyone who is at the April meeting will be entered in a drawing for these tubers/rooted cuttings.

I would like to stipulate that the recipient

- grow the dahlia (of course)
- show the dahlia, if it is ready at show time
- return some of the tubers to share with other members (probably at the April 2024 meeting)



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. Public price \$6 tuber, \$8. plant It will be at the Mulford Gardens Improvement Association (MGIA) clubhouse in

Mulford Park

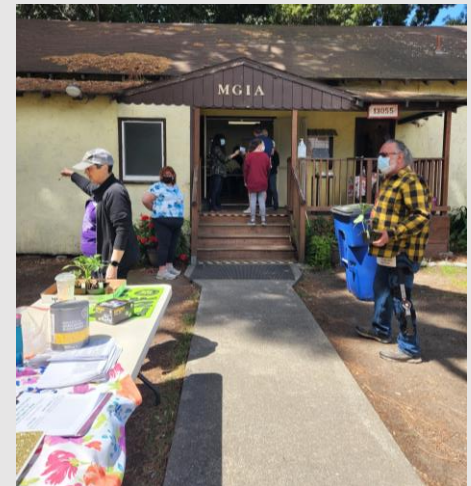
13055 Aurora Drive

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!

- **LAST CALL FOR ADS AND SLDS DUES. ANYONE GIVING ME THEIR DUES AFTER APRIL 18 MEETING WILL NOT RECEIVE JUNE ADS BULLETIN.**
- American Dahlia Society AND San Leandro Dahlia Society membership runs 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.