

Dahlia Times

San Leandro
Dahlia Society
JULY, 2023



Kelsey Annie Joy

Letter from the President

Dahlia folk,

The show time is nearing. All show dates are set. You should start seeing blooms in your yard at any time so go out yards and enjoy the wonders of dahlias!! I am going to keep nagging you on a couple of things. Make sure your plants are correctly labeled. When you want to share your tubers, you will

want to have the right names on your plants and when you exhibit them in the shows you will want to correctly name your blooms. Also, do some preventive work now. Do not wait for mildew to show before doing something about it. It is much easier to maintain now before it shows up than when it is on your plants.

Thanks to Ellen for all the work she has done finding a show venue. From having no San Leandro venue, we ended up with two choices. She claims that she is good at pestering and the obstacles in the her way just gave up. However, it was done, we thank you!!



Letter from the President

For new growers and exhibitors, if you want to use the pin frog style of containers that is customary in our shows, please let me know as I have some that have been given to me. Make sure to label the containers so that you have them for the next shows. We encourage you to show in multiple shows in the area as each show is a bit different and you can learn different show techniques from each one. It is fun to meet the growers from the different societies and to share dahlia stories.

We hope you will set aside the time to attend the judging seminar in San Francisco. You will find that even the most skilled exhibitors have judging questions and they can help answer your questions as well. Judging is an important part of our shows, and we always need your help in this area.

See you soon,
John



July 18, 2023 Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

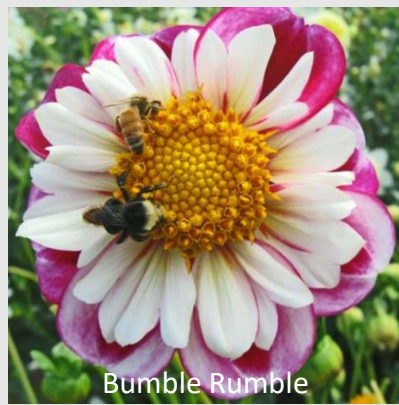
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- Opening remarks- John Morton
- Introduction of visitors and members
- Approval of minutes and treasurers report
- Announcements:
 - 2023 SLDS show planning
 - Other 2023 shows- regional and national
 - Garden tour and potluck- August 5th
 - Upcoming work days
 - Judging seminars
 - Club inventory- who has what and where?
- Program
 - Bloom transport
 - Mini show- staging blooms (bring blooms and containers to practice)
 - Show schedule overview- entry strategy
- August preview
 - Bloom quality
 - Garden tour
 - Show planning



2023 Local Shows

Society	Date	Flower of the Year Fully Double	Flower of the Year Single
Monterey Bay Dahlia Society	September 2,3	Ruthli (Iris Wallace intro.)	Bumble Rumble
Dahlia Society of California (SF)	August 19, 29	Clearview Cameron	Eden White Knight (Lou Paradise intro.)
Central Coast Dahlia Society	August 12, 13	KA's Cloud	Sandia Brocade
San Leandro Dahlia Society	September 9, 10	Maya Zoe (Curtis Maxwell intro.)	-



National Dahlia Show

This would be a great year to go to the National Show. Just a quick drive up to Portland!



National Dahlia Show

August 26 – 27, 2023

Holiday Inn Portland Columbia Riverfront
(Former Jantzen Beach Red Lion)
909 N Hayden Island Drive
Portland Or 97217

Free Admission and Parking

Hosted by Portland Dahlia Society

Judging Seminar

DSC is hosting a judging seminar

Saturday, July 22

Lakeside Presbyterian Church

201 Eucalyptus Drive

San Francisco

9 AM-@4 PM. Lunch provided.

This is for anyone interested in delving deeper into The Dahlia. Come learn from the best! Bring good questions and interesting dahlias.

Please let Debbie know you will attend:

- dfrank24@gmail.com





June Meeting in the Garden

The June “In the Garden” meeting at Lake Merritt Garden was a great success. After sharing snacks, Chris Dix demonstrated disbudding and pinching off. Curtis Maxwell demonstrated how to tie and support dahlias. Both challenged the members to “judge” blooms for their form, size, color, quality and award worthiness. We toured their greenhouse and many of us left with additional plants to fill holes in our gardens.

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The San Leandro Dahlia Society 2023 Show September 9 & 10 at the San Leandro Library

After 3 or more months of persistent communications with the library leadership, the library at last approved our application for our 2023 show. We now have little breathing room to plan for it between the intense schedule of local shows during the month of August and early September.

Think about how you can contribute. Friday set up, Sunday clean up, judging and clerk support, welcome table, judge's luncheon and snack coordination roles are needed. Runners may also be needed to help the exhibitors place their blooms on Saturday morning as we will have a shorter set up time that day. Think about clever photo booth/instagram set ups that will help draw in the public.

And as one of our wise members stated Never Don't Show.



A face only a Mother could love

The seedling bed is starting to bloom. Some more successful than others.....





Want Ads and Notices

- Curtis Maxwell will bring Stylet Oil to cost/share with other members to the July meeting. Please bring your own containers. He will dispense oil for you.

Send a note to :

- bonddiane9@gmail.com

if you want to put something in the want ads.