



# DAHLIA TIMES

## November 2023

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Brown Sugar

# Letter from the President

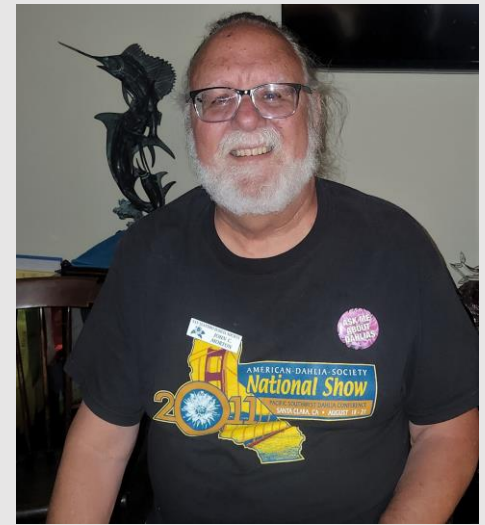
Dahlia Folk,

A lot of stuff for the November meeting. We still need to choose an open center flower of the year. Sandia Summertime was mentioned several times, but we just couldn't decide. If you have other suggestions bring them to them meeting.

It was decided that we would once again postpone our yearly potluck until January. Our meeting is just two days before Thanksgiving, and it was felt that was too much for that time of the year.

An upcoming event we will want attend will be the annual dahlia conference. The Dahlia Society of California will be hosting this event and we will pass information on as we receive it. For those that attended last years conference, it received rave reviews. It is always fun to get together with the dahlia growers from the other societies.

There will be a vote to select the officers for our society for 2024. Maybe there will be changes in the officers from this year. Be at the meeting to vote.

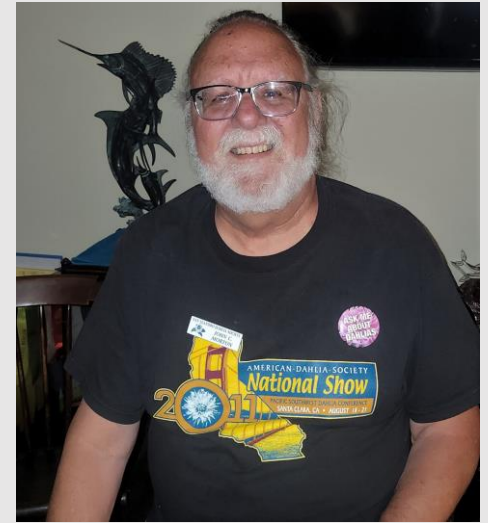


# Letter from the President (continued)

Just a bit about our gardens. I have cut down the dahlia stalks and am ready to dig and separate the tubers. Usually at this time of year, the blooms are gone and the stalks are withered and falling down. This year, I had blooms on November first. They were not show quality, stems were weak, and the fully double blooms were showing pollen, but from a distance they were beautiful. I guess the weather has been fairly warm up until now, so they just kept blooming.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

John



# November 2023 Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our October meeting. (see the agenda below)

**Tuesday November 21, 7:00PM**

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

## AGENDA

- Opening remarks- John Morton
- Introduction of visitors and new members
- End of season Q&A: bring your questions about end of season garden care.
- Approval of minutes and treasurers report
- Flower of the year voting
- Show Date 2024 Decision
- Election of SLDS officers and board members

## Program:

- Slide show of 2023 new introductions
- When and where to buy tubers

**No meeting in December**



# Flowers of the Year 2024

Every year we choose one fully double and one open center bloom to be the flowers of the year at our show. We want as many folks as possible to grow and show these blooms. There will be a special prize at the show for the best of these blooms. In order to make this happen, we need to choose these blooms early (translation NOW) so that we can be dividing tubers and making cuttings to ensure plant material is available for everyone to grow.

We chose Bloomquist Jean as our fully double flower of the year 2024. Dig, divide, take cuttings if you have this cultivar.

We need nominations for open center flower of the year 2024. Please be thinking about which flower you want to nominate.

Requirements for a good flower of the year:

- Show quality bloom
- Available- either several of us have grown it or it is available online so that we can start taking cuttings early to make enough plants for everyone.



Bloomquist Jean

# Flowers of the Year 2024 (continued)

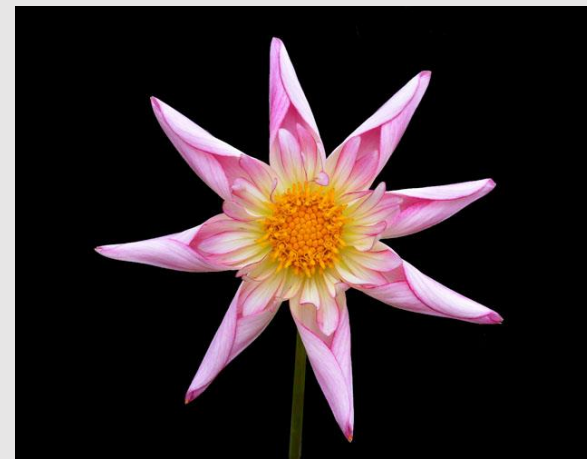
I asked folks to send their nominations so that we could put the list in the newsletter.... Nothing. So you are going to have to see what I suggest:



Sandia Summertime



Seedling DBN2210



Fancy Pants



20<sup>th</sup> Ave Estrella



Alpen Cherub



Destiny's Teachers

# Flowers of the Year 2024 (continued)

## Availability

Fancy Pants

Goldenrod Gardens open Nov 17 at 12 EST

Destiny's Teacher

Lobaughs open December 1

Sandia Summertime

Stone Hollow Farmstead \$11

Triple Wren Farms \$20

Alpen Cherub

Ferncliff Garden \$10 CAD

20<sup>th</sup> Ave Estrella

Diane has a plant

Goldenrod Gardens open Nov 17 at 12 EST

Creekside open November 30

Seedling DBN2210

Diane has a plant



# October Meeting Minutes (1)

JOHN MORTON	LESLIE SEVERN	JON KAWAGUCHI	CHRIS DIX
QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE	BEVERLY DAHLSTED	CURTIS MAXWELL	GINGER PORRILL
DIANE BOND	DEVA LOWENTHAL	LINDA BAILEY	MARILYN FONG

NEW –

GEORGE & HENSLE MASSEY	JANINA	MELANIE WUENST	PATRICIA MILLAR
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MEETING STARTED AT 7:08PM  
MEMBER INTRODUCTION  
AUTUMN LIGHTS - DAHLIAS GARDENS WERE A SUCCESS  
MINUTES ACCEPTED/PASSED  
TREASURES REPORT – ACCEPTED

BOARD NOMINATIONS  
OFFICERS

- ELLEN MUIR - PRESIDENT
- CHRIS DIX - VP
- DENNIS STONE - TREASURE
- GINGER PORRILL - SECRETARY



# October Meeting Minutes (2)

BOARD NOMINATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS

DIANE BOND

JOHN

QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE

FRANCES KAWAGUCHI

FLOWER OF THE YEAR

FULLY DOUBLE - BLOOMQUIST JEAN

OPEN CENTER – TO BE DECIDED

2024 DAHLIA SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1. WE WILL REVISIT THIS IN NOVEMBER.

2024 TUBER SALE CONFIRMED FOR MAY 4

CURTIS AND CHRIS GAVE A DEMO/SPEECH - TO DIG OR NOT TO DIG / TIPS ON DIGGING UP / DIVIDING

NO POTLUCK IN NOVEMBER DUE TO PROXIMITY TO THANKSGIVING, POSSIBLY IN JANUARY MEETING ENDED 8:35PM

# January Potluck

We will be having a potluck at our next meeting, January 16.  
More details as things are settled.





# 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](mailto: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 have been mentioned before :

- Cowlitz River Dahlias ( <https://www.dahlias4u.com/> )
- JS Dahlias ( <http://www.jsdahlias.com/> )
- Lobaugh's Dahlias ( <https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/> ) **OPEN December 1 2023**
- Connell's Dahlias ( <https://connells-dahlias.com/> ) **OPEN NOW! BUT UPDATING January 1**
- Dan's Dahlias ( <https://www.shop.dansdahlias.com/> )
- Arrowhead Dahlias ( <https://www.arrowheaddahlias.com/> )
- Birch Bay ( <http://www.birchbaydahlias.com/> ) Stonehouse Dahlias ( <https://stonehousedahlias.com/> ) Rooted cutting of Kristine Albrecht's cultivars.  
**March 30, 2024 11:00AM MST**
- Aztec Dahlias ( <https://www.thehappydahliafarm.com/tubers> )
- Julie's Dahlias ( <https://www.dahliasbyjulie.com/> )  
**January 20, 2024 10:00 AM PST**



# Want Ads and Notices

WANTED: 2-3 individuals to be part of an ad hoc SLDS Archive group to review, organize and consolidate 6 boxes of San Leandro Dahlia Society photos, historical documents, newspaper articles, show and conference archives dating back to 1935. There is some pretty fascinating material in those treasure boxes.

It will take approximately 3-4 hours max. Contact Ellen ([emuir54@gmail.com](mailto:emuir54@gmail.com)) or John ([dahliaz@juno.com](mailto:dahliaz@juno.com)) if you are interested in taking part in this winter weather activity.



WANTED: Cody Allison is looking for tubers of Sandia Charm. Contact Beverly Dahlstedt ([beverlydahlstedt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beverlydahlstedt@sbcglobal.net)) if you can help.