



DAHLIA TIMES
February 2024

San Leandro Dahlia Society

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February 2024 Meeting

Tuesday February 20, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577 (parking in the rear)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86055602057?pwd=N003L05kNit3WmdxajM5UzZON1lxQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5560 2057

Passcode: 213801

One tap mobile

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AGENDA Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- o Opening remarks- Ellen Muir
- o Introduction of visitors and members
- o Announcements Approval of minutes and treasurers report
- o Garden check in
- o Program
 - Curtis- Seed sowing and cover crops
 - Chris- Cuttings and soil prep
- o Growing Q & A
- o Next meeting March 19, 2024



Letter from the President

Dear Dahlia Friends,

How did February arrive so quickly? Spring can't be far behind.

First let's give thanks to the abundant rain which fills our reservoirs and groundwater supply making it possible to avoid a summer drought and provide water for our gardens. The rainy days are a perfect time to plan our gardens, make an inventory of the tubers that we purchased or plan to purchase, make a cover crop cutting plan, and start tubers for cuttings or seeds for that cultivar that eventually could be named after you. It is a good time to test your soil and plan for the needed recommended amendments.

Finally, the rainy days and evenings are an excellent opportunity to bone up on your dahlia knowledge and judging criteria whether you are new to growing dahlias or a long-time grower by reviewing the ADS Judge's Online Curriculum 16 modules. You may even want to take the open book online Candidate'-Judge test. Log onto the American Dahlia Society Website at <https://www.dahlia.org/> Refer to page 45 of the December 2023 ADS bulletin to locate the current username and password.



Letter from the President (continued)

February also brings us the annual Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference sponsored this year by the Dahlia Society of California on Saturday, February 24th from 9-5. San Francisco decided to return to the San Leandro Senior Community Center where it was held last year by our society. The conference is for all members whether you are a “grow for your pleasure” or “grow to show” gardener. Look for the registration information in our newsletter.

Happy Valentine’s Day, Superbowl Sunday and Leap Year

Regards,

Ellen



Letter from the (FORMER)President

Dahlia Folk,

Thank you for the party, food, gift certificate and JoAnna especially liked the bouquet. We really appreciated the kind words and the pats on back. We are ready to support Ellen as our new president. See you all soon.

John and JoAnna



The Pot Luck Dinner



Good food, good friends



Curtis telling tall tells

The Pot Luck Dinner



The crew (but not James!)

The 2024 Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference is here- Register Today!

Yes, the conference is in San Leandro again this year though sponsored by the Dahlia Society of California at the San Leandro Senior Community Center. The Annual PSW Conference is hosted on a rotating basis among the four dahlia societies. The 2025 Conference will be hosted by the Central Coast Dahlia Society. The PSW conference is an opportunity to exchange growing strategies, learn about other societies, share good food, hear featured speakers, and win fabulous and useful garden related raffle prizes. This year's highlights will include speakers on Dahlia Genetics, Water Conservation and Fungus Control and Establishing Community Gardens. The conference will be from 9-5 and will cost \$50 per person to attend and is free for our Junior Members. As of last week, we only had 7 SLDS members registered. Let's show up for our home team and remember to take a team photo.

Here is the link for the registration form:

<https://www.dahliadell.org/psw-conference>



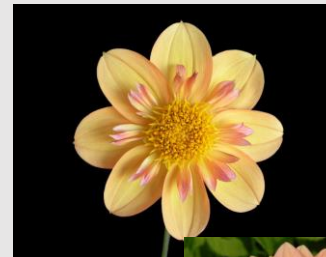
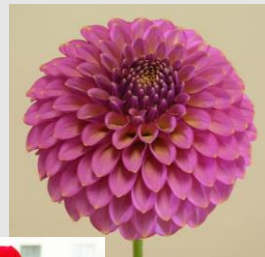
MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Society tuber/plant sales and shows

<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Tuber & Plant Sale</u>	<u>Show Dates</u>	<u>Judging Seminar Host</u>	<u>PSW Conference Host</u>	<u>Website</u>
Central Coast DS			July 27th- location TBD		
Central Coast DS	April 14th, 9:30	August 10 & 11	Host		https://www.centralcoastdahlias.org/
Dahlia Society of CA	April 27th @ 9:00	August 17 & 18		February 24	https://www.dahliadell.org/
Monterey Bay DS	April 13th, 9-11	August 24 & 25			https://www.mbdahlias.org/
San Leandro DS	May 4th, 10-12	August 31 & Sept 1			http://www.sanleandrodahliasociety.org/
ADS Show (location)	Wenatchee WA	Sept. 7 & 8			https://www.dahlia.org/

Flower of the Year-Plan Ahead

Our PSW Conference Societies choose two flowers of the year to be highlighted at their shows. Now is the time to order, ask around, share, propagate or otherwise search for those special cultivars.

Society	Fully Double	Open Center
San Leandro	Bloomquist Jean	Sandia Summertime
San Francisco (DSC)	Bloomquist Jeff	Lakeview Redeye
Central Coast	Skipley Spot of Gold	Kelsey Annie Joy
Monterey Bay	Nicholas	Kelsey Annie Joy



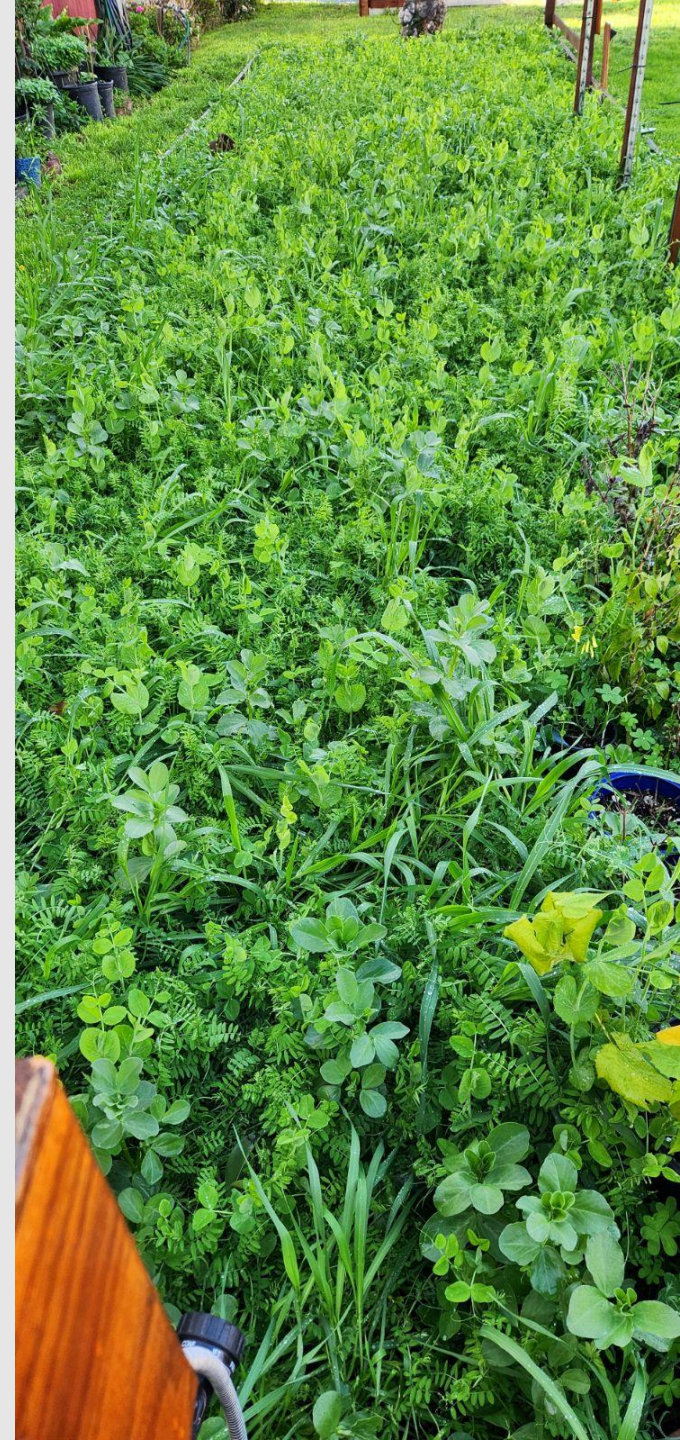
I PLANTED A COVER CROP-WHAT'S NEXT?

Many of us have adopted the “no till” method of gardening. Sometime this means adding compost, straw or amendments to the top of our dug gardens and lightly spading it in before planting. Some of us plant cover crops or mixtures of nitrogen fixing seeds that enrich the soil and become green manure.

Six weeks before it is time to plant, is when it is suggested to chop and drop the plants. For a smallish garden plot, you can cut the plants by hand with a clipper or hedge clipper and cut the stems into small pieces then turn them into the soil with a garden fork.

For a larger plot, chopping the cover crop down in layers (eg cut 1/3 off the top, then 2/3, then to ground level) with a weed eater might be the easiest route to take.

After chopping, either turn under or cover your plot or rows with sheets of cardboard or dark plastic to allow the green gold to help the greens decompose and feed the microbes in the soil. Take the covers off a week or so before you plan to plant, add compost or additional amendments if desired, then plant.



Want Ads and Notices

WANTED:

Veterans?

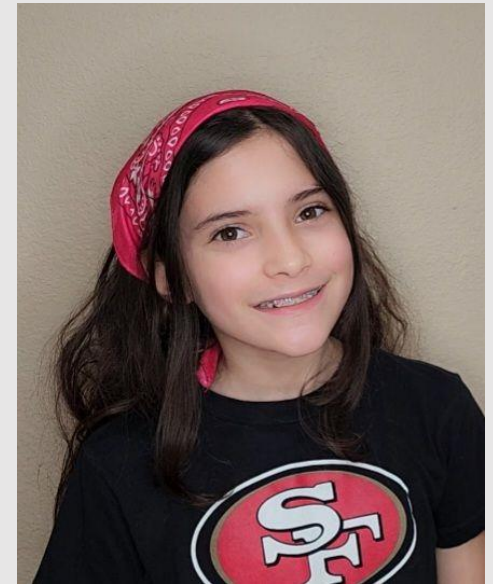
Do we have any Veterans or current Alameda County employees as members? If we are unable to secure the San Leandro Library desired hours for our 2024 show, we can get a significant discount at the San Leandro Veteran's Hall if we have a Veteran or AC County employee on our application. Please contact Ellen Muir at (510) 220-7665 or emuir54@gmail.com if you fit one of the above categories.

FOR SALE:

Do you need a Girl Scout Cookie fix?

Our very own Junior Grower, Evie Almazan has set her sights on selling over 2000 boxes of cookies this year. If you order online through the below link, Evie will deliver your boxes of cookies to you at our February 20th meeting. You can also order for home delivery for shipping and handling charge.

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/evelyn392229>



Want Ads and Notices

FOR SALE:

\$200 or obo.

NOVA 4224 Rolling walker w/under seat storage basket. Has an added cane attachment. Practically brand new. Used no more than 5 times. \$200 or obo. Paid close to \$300 at medical supply store. Contact Ginger if interested. (cat not included)

gingerp249@gmail.com



Want Ads and Notices

FOR MORE FLOWER GARDEN DELIGHTS

2024 Daffodil Show

53rd Annual 2024 Daffodil Show sponsored by the
Northern California Daffodil Society & Alden Lane Nursery

Alden Lane Nursery, March 6th – March 7th

981 Alden Lane

Livermore, CA 94550

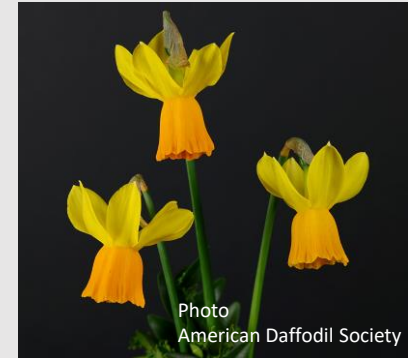
Northern California Camellia Show & Plant Sale

3/9/24 1pm-4pm-3/10/24 9am-2pm

St, Andrews Church Celebration Hall

1601 Mary Drive Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Open to the Public



Want Ads and Notices

FOR MORE FLOWER GARDEN DELIGHTS

Diablo View Orchid Society Valentines Show and Sale

Come join us **THIS WEEKEND** for our beautiful show.



**Diablo View Orchid Society
Orchid Show and Sale**
Saturday February 10, 2024
10AM-4PM

- Displays of beautiful orchids
- Orchids and native plants for sale
- Educational talks on orchid care and culture

Cal State East Bay, Concord Campus
4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord
Admission \$6
Children 12 and under free

Photo Diane Bond

San Francisco Orchid Society Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Sale



71st Annual San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

Timeless Orchids

February 16-17 10am - 5pm	February 18 10am - 4pm
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Preview Night:
Feb 15 6-9 pm
(Must be 21 or older)

County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Discounted advance tickets available
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org





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.