



DAHLIA TIMES
March 2024

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Verda

March 2024 Meeting

Tuesday March 19, 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

+16699006833,,86055602057# US (San Jose)



March 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Opening remark Ellen
- Introduction of visitors and new members Ellen
- Approval of minutes and treasurers report Dennis/Ellen
- Planting Diane, Kristi
- Raffle Chris Dix, Quamrun
- Mentoring program Curtis
- Garden questions Ellen
- Biochar Jeff
- Cherry Festival Peggy
- Tuber Sale Ellen
- Closing and announcements Ellen

- Next Meeting April 16, 2024



February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ellen Muir	Beverly Dahlstedt	Leslie Servin	Deva Lowenstal
Quamrun Eldridge	Curtis Maxwell	Ginger Porrill	Diane Bond
Sabrina Almazan	Evelyn Almazan	Marilyn Fong	Peggy Murphy
Jeff Bennett	Craig Callihan	Chris Dix	Chris Whyte
John Morton	John Kawaguchi	Frances Kawaguchi	

Meeting started at 7:10pm

- Quick introductions
- Mention of Andrew Baxter, card, flower arrangement and information on his service.
- Conference this Saturday, February 24.
- No January minutes to approve (we had a potluck).
- Checking and savings the same.
- Backup venue for show - Veterans Hall is available \$3600 but we get the hours we want.
- April 26/27th Iris Sale at Alden Lane in Livermore. Plants for sales.
- Tuber sale 5/4 - MGIA CLUBHOUSE
- Cherry Festival booth - 6/1
- Chris Dix gave a demo on cuttings.
 - Stressed sanitizing between cuts. Hydrogen peroxide is the best instead of alcohol.
 - Virus free is only guaranteed for the first year. Pot roots are better for cuttings than tuber
- Curtis gave a lecture on seed germination/storage

Meeting ended at 8:40am

Next meeting on 3/19

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

The weather this March makes me think of the proverb, “In like a lion, out like a lamb” predicting that the rainstorms at the beginning of the month will mean that the end of the month will be calm. Remembering the years of record-breaking droughts, I welcome the rain and generous additions to the snowpack.

Daylight savings time returns on March 10th when we “spring forward” to lighter evening hours. And March 19th, our next meeting date, marks the first day of Spring, the season of new growth and possibility.



As the cover crops decompose and fill the soil with nutrients, dahlias are being propagated and gardens plotted. In a few short weeks, planting will commence. Enjoy the last few weeks of relative garden sleep before we get busy planting.

The February 24th PSW Conference was attended by 17 members of our society. It was a great opportunity to get to know our conference colleagues. The talks on genetics, combating mildew, growing community gardens, slideshow of the best PSW shows and the story of one of our youngest growers, Abby Southard were amazing. If you want to learn more about Abby’s journey, you can learn more here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/darlingdahlias/home>.

Letter from the President (continued)

At our March meeting, we will hold an in-person raffle for cuttings and tubers donated by members. Each person present will have a chance to win. Diane and Kristi will be on the program to share their planning strategies and lead a discussion. Jeff Bennett offered to share samples of biochar that apparently can remain in the soil for up to 2,500 years while holding onto nutrients and water until they are needed.

We will have volunteer signup sheets for the May 4th Tuber and Plant Sale as well as the June 1st Cherry Festival at the meeting. All members are needed to make both events a success. We will see you on the spring equinox.

Louise Henricksen was a first-place winner in the 2023 American Dahlia Society Photo Contest. Louise is a prolific photographer and graces our Instagram page with her almost daily postings of dahlia blooms. See Louise's photos on the following pages.





Appreciation goes to Christina Walker our member and owner of Gathered Grace Florals (gatheredgraceflorals@gmail.com) for creating a beautiful chrysanthemum arrangement from the SLDS for Andrew Baxter's memorial service which was the same day as our conference, February 24th .

ADS Photo Contest 2023

Click on this link to see Larry Smith's short reel of the first place and Grand Prize winners.

<https://youtu.be/0YGLhtcsFPI>



Grand Prize Winner

Bloomquist Blush by Christopher Tomaso



Congratulations Louise!!

ADS Photo Contest 2023 Class 10- Digital Darkroom

Best of Show

Undersea Garden by Louise Henriksen



Congratulations Louise!!

ADS Photo Contest 2023 Class 8- Dahlias and Critters

Third Place

Strafing Run by Louise Henriksen

Tuber and Plant Sale -May 4th

Now is the time to start readying for our sale about 8 weeks from now. Here is what you can do:

March

- Start collecting information about the plants and tubers you are planning on donating.
- Take photos of sale tuber blooms! We need to make sure that we have photos of each cultivar offered.
- Send this information to SLdahliasociety@gmail.com with the TUBER SALE in the subject line by April 16th . **This is the last SLDS meeting before the sale!**
 - Cultivar name
 - ADS Class #
 - Photo (4x6) if you have one, especially if we didn't sell it in 2023. Attach to the email if you can.
 - Number of tubers/plants you may donate

April

- Provide final count and names for donations by April 26th at the latest
ONLY healthy tubers with obvious eyes
May 3rd , 2024 (day before sale)
- All tubers and plants are delivered to the sale MGIA between 12-4



Ginger Willo

Tuber and Plant Sale -May 4th (continued)

May 3rd , 2024 (day before sale)

- All tubers and plants are delivered to the sale MGIA between 12-4
- We will need volunteers to-
 - Set up tables (and transport some from Casa Peralta)
 - Receive and sort tubers and plants
 - Set up photos and signs

Tuber sale day

We will need volunteers to:

- Guide buyers
- Tally orders for cashiers
- Cull signs where tubers are sold out
- Sign up new members
- Staff the dahlia education and planting table



Koko Puff

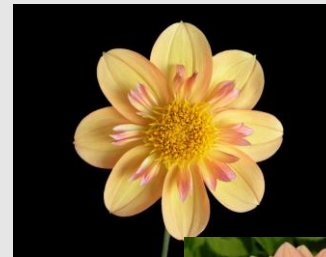
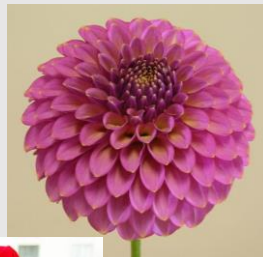
MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Society tuber/plant sales and shows

<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



It is time to renew your membership

Membership term for BOTH SLDS and ADS is From May 01- April 30

SLDS membership is \$10 annually

We are modernizing the SLDS membership method. Look for a message in the next few weeks directing you to a new site for online membership renewal.

ADS membership:

You need to renew your ADS membership at the ADS site:

<https://www.dahlia.org/about/membership-join/>

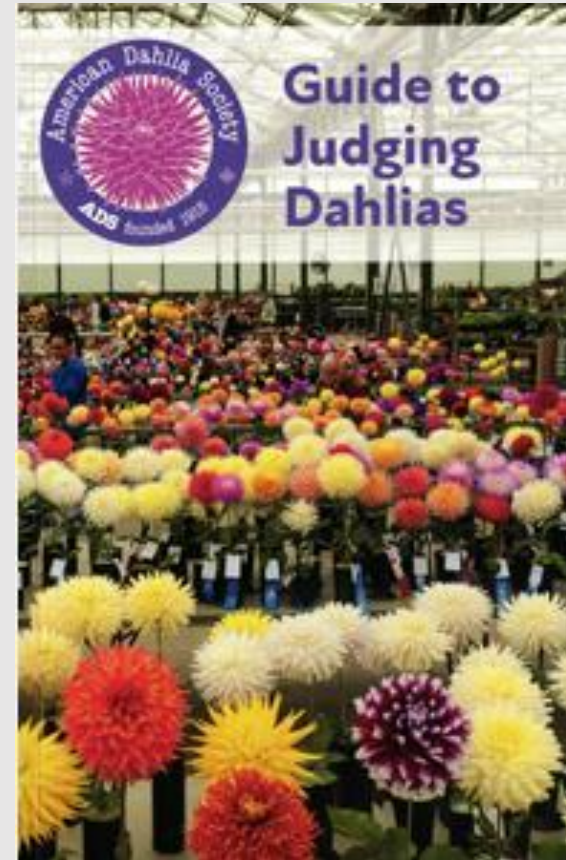
Make sure you get your membership in before May 1. You don't want to miss your August bulletin!



Want Ads and Notices

FOR SALE:

3 copies of latest ADS Guide to Judging Dahlias -
\$8 each. Contact Ellen at emuir54@gmail.com



Wanted:

Zoom Support at the monthly meetings help with monitoring the Zoom Joiners, training the camera on the presenters and a spare pair or two of hands. Laptop, etc. will be provided. Contact Ellen at emuir54@gmail.com

Want Ads and Notices

FOR MORE FLOWER GARDEN DELIGHTS

The Mt Diablo Iris Society Show

Saturday April 27th -1pm to 5pm

Sunday April 28th -10am to 4pm.

Alden Lane Nursery 9

89 Alden Lane

Livermore, Ca. 94550

The Clara B. Rees Iris Show

April 28th, 2024 -noon to 5 p.m.

John Pisani Community Center

19655 Allendale Ave.

Saratoga, CA





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.