



San Leandro
Dahlia Society

DAHLIA TIMES
December 2022

Yes, it is Santa Claus

NO DECEMBER MEETING

We wish you and your families
a wonderful holiday season.

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Letter from the President

Dahlia Folks,

We finally got some rain. Wasn't great for us gardeners?

Since we had our last meeting, there has been a lot of work done to prepare for our Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference. This will be a fun event that our Society will host and will have dahlia lectures and food too!!

We will have a FUN raffle at the end of the conference that we hope will help pay for our share of this event. We would like for the society members to donate items that will be wanted by those coming to the conference. Plant items are always good. Please no junk or items of no value.

Once again, if you are digging and splitting your dahlia roots, make sure to label your tubers. If you get a tuber at the raffle or at our tuber sale, you will want to get the plant that goes with the name. If you see a tuber labeled as Spartacus and when you grow it the plant is a peony variety, you wouldn't be happy. Enough said.

We wish you safe and fun holidays.

John & JoAnna



NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE -

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| JOHN MORTON | JOANNE MORTON | KRISTI WHITFIELD |
| MARILYN FONG | GINGER PORRILL | DEVA LOWENTHAL |
| ROY STIER | BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT | CHRIS DIX |
| ELLEN MUIR | CHRIS WHYTE | CRAIG MORTON |
| LESLIE SEVERN | PEGGY MURPHY | DIANE BOND |
| CURTIS MAXWELL | ANREW BAXTER | FRANCES KAWAGUCHI |
| JON KAWAGUCHI | | |



POTLUCK DINNER - TONS OF FOOD

MEETING STARTED 7P

- TREASUERE’S REPORT GIVEN - THERE WAS INCORRECT INFO WAS NO VOTE.
- FEBRUARY CONFERENCE UPDATE - SAN LEANDRO SENIOR CENTER WILL BE THE VENUE - 2/18 IS THE DATE - SURVEY WAS SENT TO ALL PARTICIPATING CLUBS AND A GOOD PERCENTAGE HAVE BEEN RETURNED SO A GOOD IDEA OF TOPICS IS BEING FORMULATED. SIGNUPS FOR VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING REQUESTED. ALSO RAFFLE PRIZES ARE BEING LOOKED FOR.

NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

- DAHLIA WEBSITES AND POSSIBLY GETTING TUBERS FOR THE CLUB. BEVERLY MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$400 TO GET TUBERS FOR THE SOCIETY - IT WAS SECONDED - IT WAS PASSED. BEVERLY IS IN CHARGE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM CHRIS.
- ELLEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE OUR \$300 YEARLY DONATION TO THE CHURCH - IT WAS APPROVED AND PASSED
- THE TUBER SALE - DATE WAS PICKED AS APRIL 22ND WITH THE BACKUP AS THE 29TH. GINGER WILL SECURE THE CLUBHOUSE.
- ANDREW STRESSED TO THE MEMBERS TO DIG OR COVER THEIR TUBERS AGAINST THE WEATHER/FROST.
- SLIDE SHOW OF THE NEW INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE ADS AND OUR CLUB. DONE BY KRISTI.
- MEETING ENDED AT 8:20PM - NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY 17TH.

November 15, 2022 Holiday Party

A good time was had by all!



PSW Conference update

The plans for the 72nd Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference on February 18, 2023 are well underway.

- The committee has been meeting weekly via Zoom on Mondays at 7 p.m.
- We have a venue, a caterer, a program outline, a draft flyer and a few raffle donations.
- We are hoping to see all SLDS members at the conference.
- There is still a lot of work to do to finalize the speakers and complete a registration form with a payment function. If any members have experience in creating fillable forms, please contact Ellen Muir or Quamrun Eldridge as soon as possible.



Wanted: donations for the raffle!

At every PSW conference, we have a raffle. It helps defray the cost of the meeting and....its just fun! In order for our raffle to be successful, everyone needs to participate.

Perhaps you have something others might want. Or you are crafty and can make something others might want. Please donate what you can. Ideas include:

- Trip to Hawaii
- A favorite tuber or cutting
- A bottle of wine
- gardening tools
- Gardening supplies that are not tools (gloves? fertilizer? other?)
- White elephant???
- something just FUN!!!
- Scratchers (unscratched of course)

Please bring what you have to the **January meeting!**

Something too big? Arrangements can be made.

2023 Preview

Kristi has generated topics for our 2023 meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kristi (kristi9876@aol.com).

January — Techniques for rooted cutting; Soil prep

February — Starting seeds; Planning your garden; Show schedule overview.

March — Starting tubers; Amending soil, Tuber sale info/inventory

April — Planting and watering; Growing giant dahlias; Growing in pots

May — Classification and judging

June — Plant control: disbudding, tying, staking, disbranching; Pest/disease control; Watering/ Garden demonstration (hands on)

July — (Show planning); Photographing dahlias and gardens; Show schedule overview – entry strategy; Mini show – staging blooms

August — Bloom quality, bloom transport; Garden tour

September — Floral arrangements; Pollination and seed collection; Novice flower show. Growing in order to show multiples.

October — Digging and dividing roots, storing tubers

November — Potluck; Soil preparation, irrigation; Buying tubers; Slide show of new introductions



We regret to announce the passing of Ken Masurat, President of the John E. Stowell Dahlia Society. Ken and his wife Marilyn who passed a few years ago, were instrumental in starting the John E. Stowell Dahlia Society. Ken served in several positions with the society from President to treasurer and ADS rep. Ken rarely missed a local dahlia show and often attended the National Dahlia Shows. Ken and Marilyn were leaders in the last two National shows in our area in 2002 and 2011. Ken was known for growing large dahlias but his garden had Mignon Single dahlias as well.

Ken was a Senior Judge and would freely share his knowledge of dahlias. He was a hybridizer with several named varieties and medal winners. We will miss Ken and his zeal for dahlias.





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.

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 were mentioned at the October meeting:

- Cowlitz River Dahlias (<https://www.dahlias4u.com/>) **OPEN JANUARY 2023**
- JS Dahlias (<http://www.jsdahlias.com/>)
- Lobaugh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>) **OPEN December 1 2022**
- Connell's Dahlias (<https://connells-dahlias.com/>) **OPEN NOW!**
- 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.

Support our supporters!

Lougagh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>), Swan Island (<https://www.dahlias.com>) and Stonehouse Dahlias (<https://stonehousedahlias.com/>) have agreed to send tubers/plants for the PSW Conference auction. Please show your appreciation of their support by shopping at their sites.



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Wanted: Photos of Ken and Marilyn Masurat from shows, conferences or in their garden. Please send to Quamrun Eldridge (qne3918@gmail.com) before the January 17th meeting