



San Leandro Dahlia Society

DAHLIA TIMES

February 2022

SLDS 2021 Show
Arrangement Thunder and Lightning
Winner
Diana Santos

OUR NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 15 AT 7 PM

February meeting: Tuesday February 15 at 7 PM.

- This will be a zoom meeting. Zoom invitation, agenda and any further information will be sent by Ellen Muir next week.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dahlia Folk,

I am excited!! I have taken my first 12 cuttings in preparation for our 2022 show season!! For those of you that will be donating tubers and cuttings to our sale, (time, date, place, virtual, hands on, TBD.) make sure you carefully label them as we want to get what we want. I also received a goodie package of 39 pot roots, most of which I have never grown so I will try to get those going fast and out you.

Another reason I am excited is that I will be headed to Seattle to work with Dan Pierson of Dans Dahlias at the garden show up there. I always have a great time at this event and since it has been a couple of years since they have been able to do this show, I expect there will be a lot of dahlia hungry people there. The last time I was at this event, I met a good friend of Curtis Maxwell there from Alaska. Small world!! I hope to come home with some fun stories.

I guess this is about time to start praying for rain again. We started out so well with rain this season but nada ever since. I am sure the worms and little micro guys in the ground are a bit upset about the lack of rain but the weeds seem to be thriving.

Hope to see you on Zoom!!

John the Pres

MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

I am happy to say that we have done a very good job of getting our dues in for membership in SLDS as well as ADS. As is our tradition, we have gathered donated prizes and will have a raffle including all members who have paid their dues at the February meeting. We will do a live 'spin the wheel' drawing. I am told that it is a lot of fun. Make sure you are at the February meeting to participate in said fun.

- Please see the catalog of prizes that is attached to this message to decide what you want so that we can keep the game moving along.
- You must be present to win.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION ON DAHLIA GROWING

One of the most common questions we get is:
Where can I find more information about growing dahlias?
Please see the list of sites we have found useful.

San Leandro Dahlia Society web site

<http://www.sanleandrodahliasociety.org/>

- Look at the pulldown “Growing and Showing Dahlias” You will find information from preparing the soil through digging your tubers in the fall/winter and everything in between.

San Leandro Dahlia Society Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243574223716397>

- Private Facebook group that discuss any topics of interest. Society mentors follow these conversations, so it is a good forum to get local, expert advice on your dahlia questions.

American Dahlia Society web site

<https://www.dahlia.org/>

- Look at the pulldown “Growing Dahlias” You will find all kinds of information from videos to articles as well as the Dahlia University courses. We have an amazing resource with information from master growers from all over the country.

Kristine Albrecht- Santa Cruz Dahlias

<https://www.instagram.com/santacruzdahlias/guides/?hl=en>

- Kristine is a (relatively) local grower and breeder who grows and shows amazing flowers and graciously shares her expertise with the dahlia growing community. Prowl around this site to see what Kristine is doing and what advice she has at any time of the year.

SECRETARIES REPORT- JANUARY 2022

MINUTES

DAHLIA MEETING 1/18/22

CHRIS DIX

DEVA LOWENTHAL

KRISTI WHITFIELD

CURTIS MAXWELL

GINGER PORRILL

MARILYN FONG

DIANE BOND

KRISTIN (IDAHO CLUB)

BEVERLY DAHLSTADT

ANDREW BAXTER

RANDY MILLER (IDAHO CLUB)

JOHN MORTON

LORETTA FIGUEROA

CRAIG CALLIHAN

BRENT BOONE

SUE GREGORI

ELLEN MUIR

CRIS WHYTE

DJ ECKLEBARGER

DENNIS STONE

MEETING STARTED AT 7:05PM

CLARA ALLMAN – LONG TIME MEMBER – PASSED AWAY

JOAN CERE – LONG TIME MEMBER – PASSED AWAY

NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST INTRODUCED

RETURNING – BRENT BOONE

IDAHO CLUB – RANDY MILLER & KRISTIN

PREVIOUS MINUTES REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED

DENNIS GAVE TREASURES REPORT – See Dennis for details.

FUTURE PROJECTS AND BILLS DISCUSSED

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MINUTES cont.

RAFFLE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MONTH – GET PRIZES TO
DIANE PRIOR

PUBLIC GARDEN REPORT –

ALAMO GARDEN PRESENTATION ON 4/14

LAKE MERRIT – THE SQUIRRELS ATE ALL THE SEED
COVER THEY PUT OUT – THEY ARE TRYING A FINE
SEED COVER FOR THERE SECOND ATTEMPT.

MORTUARY – KRISTI HAS CUT EVERYTHING DOWN
BUT ONLY PULLED THE STUFF SHE DID NOT WANT.
LEFT EVERYTHING ELSE. CASA PERALTA – ROY LEFT
HIS STUFF IN. KRISTI IS PUTTING IN AN IRRIGATION
SYSTEM. SHE IS LEARNING FROM THE CITY
EMPLOYEES AND A COURSE. HUNTER IRRIGATION IS
THE SITE.

CURTIS GAVE COURSE ON SEEDS

SHELLING THE PODS

WOOL FELT FOR SEED - GERMINATING THE SEEDS

TRANSFERRING THE SEEDLINGS TO POTS – DEALING
WITH DAMP OFF – USING CORE POTS NOT PEAT
WHICH BREAKS DOWN BEFORE IT MAKES IT TO THE
GROUND – MEMBERS ASKED QUESTIONS

KRIST SPOKE AND DISCUSSED – KRISTINE ALBRECHT
WROTE A BOOK ABOUT “DAHLIA BREEDING”. SHE
BELONGS TO THE MONTEREY DAHLIA SOCIETY. DHR ALSO
BROUGHT UP SEVERAL ARTICLES IN THE DAHLIA
BULLETIN THAT ARE WORTH READING ABOUT SEEDING.
AGAIN, MEMBERS ASKED QUESTIONS.

CURTIS ALSO DISCUSSED HOW TO GET A SEEDLING IN THE
BOOK. DJ OFFERED HOW HE DOES HIS SEEDLINGS

UPDATE ON THE 2022 CONFERENCE – CANCELLED DUE TO
COVID AND ALL THE OBSTACLES IT CREATED.

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MINUTES cont.

REVISING/UPDATING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – MEMBERS ARE TO READ AND VOTE – ELLEN ADVISED ON SOME OF THE CHANGES AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1978.

ELECTION – CURTIS STATED WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN DECEMBER CONCERNING NOMINATIONS – NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR – NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED AND PASSED.

EARLY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE TUBER SHOW BUT DETERMINE WE WILL ADDRESS IT NEXT MONTH.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:40