

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: June 20, 7:00 PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia Dudes and Dudettes,

Getting some color in the yard yet? JoAnna and I planted the end of April and we have already gotten some disc blooms scattered through the garden. Our cuttings are doing pretty well but most of our tubers are very slow. I dug some up thinking they might be rotten but almost all are growing but hadn't gotten out of the ground yet. Perhaps the tubers are confused after the wet winter and hot/cold/rainy/cold/hot weather we have been getting. Be careful when watering in the hot weather. Water early or late in the day and don't over water. Put down mulch around the base of your plants as this will keep the roots cool.

JoAnna and I dropped by Kristy's garden in Lake Side Park. The dahlia spot is great for visitors as the new entrance into the gardens will go right by the dahlias. Chris has helped plant some seedlings and Deva has helped as well.

I have been warning dahlia planters to keep an eye out for snails, slugs and earwigs after the wet winter. Our earwig and snail population is under control but the slugs have really been pests. Keep putting down something to control these pests. I have seen some mildew on some of the dahlias in 4" pots that we haven't gotten in the ground. We have been seeing aphids on our roses as well as the dahlias in 4" pots. This worries me as with the gale force winds we have seen this Spring, these can spread all over the yard.

This is an exciting show season for us. We will be hosting the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference in February 2018 so that makes our show the Conference show. Several special medals and awards will be given out for winners in this show. Remember that our show will be August 19 and 20 at the San Leandro Library. This is two weeks later than our usual show.

See you at the meeting,
Pres. John

**Refreshments will be provided by:
Deva and JoAnna**

Next Month: Kristi and Sue Gregori

Minutes - May 16, 2017 Meeting

7:00 - Karp Room

Presiding ---- John Morton. Members present - 15.

Old Business; John and Kristi have posted paper work to restore our tax status.

We continue to have no definite "show" date for our annual event at the library. Previous years it has been 1st weekend in August. Library contact person has continued to decline giving us a set date. Possible back up facility according to Kristi is Lakeshore Building. Having established a dahlia garden there, we would be allowed one free event yearly. It is a smaller facility, tables would have to be brought in and it is paid parking. Motion made and approved that if San Leandro Library does not respond to John by Wed. 5/17, we use the Lakeshore facility on the 3rd weekend in August.

Treasurer Report: \$1978.00 received from Root Park tuber/cutting sale this past month. \$30.00 was also received for new membership. Those individuals however not present this evening. Checks were paid out to those submitting bills.

Secretary Minutes approved from previous meeting

New Business Beverly states that accountant is still available until mid June to receive via email about further IRS questions regarding nonprofit status.

Andrew said that we need to always check for an "eye" on tubers at time of our Root Park sale to customer. This has been done and we will continue to do so.

John voiced concern that he and JoAnna have been the primary tuber and cutting contributors in recent years for our sale. Hopefully more members will do so in the future.

Roy demonstrated his "kneeler" to those that might wish to get aid in their garden work. Can also be used as a seat.

Various sprays for mildew problems as well as continued slug/snails infestations discussed. Suggestion is to apply before problem presents itself.

Prior to closing, Kristi brought in box of established seedlings from Curtis. At contribution of \$1.00 each, Members will plant them and this fall, a judging of "prettiest" and "ugliest" selected. Money prizes to be given.

Prior to adjournment, refreshments were served.

Minutes submitted by Maren Giannini

Program:



Judging dahlias is very important...
especially at show time!

If you have some blooms, bring them to the meeting and we'll show you what the judges will be looking for!

Knowing what the judges are looking for will help you select your best dahlias for the upcoming shows in August.