

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**Next Meeting: Mar. 15, 7:00 PM**  
**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia folk,

We are getting closer and closer to planting time. I would think most of us want to be planted by the end of April. At our next meeting Guy Chibante will be talking to us about soil preparation. This will give us a month to get the soil ready for our favorite flower.

Drought? What is a drought? By the time we meet many cities will have their yearly average of rain. This is good news. Although dahlias are considered drought resistant, healthy plants and great blooms need some water.

We will fly through the business part of our meeting because we also have Dan Pierson from Dan's Dahlias with us again. I believe he will have some dahlia information for us and he is always good for questions. This should be a information packed meeting. Dan is here for the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show in San Mateo. (If the San Francisco Forty Niners are in Santa Clara, the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show can be in San Mateo.) If you visit the Flower and Garden Show, make sure to look Dan's booth up. It is a sight to behold.

Hopefully before our meeting we will have our Tuber Sale Date firmed up. We have to go through different folks this year to secure the time and place or our sale.

A big pat on the back to Marcia for the programs she has arranged so far this year. Great job VP Marcia.

Pres. John.

**Refreshments will be provided by:**  
**Chris Dix , Paige and DJ**

*Next month: Andrew and Jane*

## San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: Feb. 16, 2016 Meeting

### San Leandro Library - Karp Room

Presiding ----John Morton

Treasurer----Dennis Stone absent

Minutes 01/19/16 moved, seconded, and passed

Membership ----Beverly Dahlstedt absent. Present list of member names identified by color code if current on dues.

Curtis Maxwell ---comments our Garden Committee

- #1 Root Park Asked for volunteer/s to assume care through Oct. when season closes. He is not able to continue in this capacity and Chris Dix can not be expected to handle it alone. Kristi Whitfield and Tom Baker volunteered. John said a nonmember has also expressed interest in assisting.
- #2 Lake Merritt garden center has asked if we wish to participate in their program. Decided it would likely be advice only.
- #3 Root Sale ---It's our one and only fund raiser plus it's an opportunity to get new members. It will be the last week-end in April. Andrew Baxter suggested that we might entice new members with some free tubers.

John Morton commented on the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference. He passed out several handouts showing 2015 winners in various categories.

Tom Baker--- There are nine current members on our facebook page. He encouraged more to join.

Curtis Maxwell---Raised question regarding change of meeting time to Saturdays. Straw vote gave 6 favor, 7 opposed. More discussion will follow plus library would also need to be consulted .

Marcia Hart --- Program Chairperson --- Introduced Chris Dix who demonstrated how cuttings planted last month in oasis now established roots. Curtis showed how to remove seedlings past root formation and ready them for potting. Pest control papers given out.

Meeting adjourned ---- 8:45 pm

Submitted: Maren Giannini

# **Program:**

## **Care of your precious dahlias!**

Our knowledgeable club member Guy Chibante will tell us about preparing the soil for dahlias.

Dan from Dan's Dahlias to talk with us about dahlias. His business is located in Washington, but he is here for the garden show and we are lucky to have him as a speaker.

This is a picture of Dan selling tubers at his booth in the flower show. He's the one in the red shirt...

