

San Leandro Dahlia
Society

DAHLIA TIMES

March 2022



Chimacum del Blomma
Diane Bond 2020

Letter from the President

Dear Dahlia Folk,

The time nears. In a month or two we will be planting our precious dahlias in the ground and know that when show time comes around, we will have blue ribbon winners!! Excited? I am. Well, that is what I think and some years I am right and some years wrong.

We have a date, time and place for our tuber sale. Still more work to do to get this all figured out. You will hear more at the meeting.

I have been invited to go to the Boise, ID. flower and garden show with Dan's Dahlias. I hope to meet up with good friends DJ and Paige on this trip. I will try to get in some pictures of this event to share at our April meeting. There is a dahlia society in Idaho so we may meet a few of the folks from there.

As I do every couple of months, I urge you to label your dahlia tubers and plants. It is very disappointing to buy a medal winning dahlia root and receive an also ran dahlia because of mislabeling. We will need all your spare tubers and plants that you can spare as the word out is that this was not a good tuber producing year. My great idea of putting 4-inch pot roots in the ground to start cuttings went up in smoke when my neighbors shed burned and wiped out all the pot root starts as well as many of the newly emerged dahlia plants in that area. Farming is not an easy way to live.

Chris and Beverly are going to do a talk at a garden club coming up soon. We wish them well and thanks for volunteering to do this.

See you on-line,

John



March meeting

- Tuesday March 15 at 7:00 PM
- ZOOM invitation to follow
- Agenda to follow



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

- **Diablo View Orchid Society April Greenhouse/Garden Tour**
- Come visit 6 greenhouses (as well as associated gardens at some homes) on April 1 and 2. See link for details.
- <https://dvos.org/april-1-2-2022-dvos-garden-greenhouse-tour/>

- **San Francisco Garden Show April 7-10, 2022**
- <https://norcalgardenshow.com/the-show>
- Alameda County Fairgrounds
- Early Bird prices through midnight March 13- BUY EARLY AND SAVE
- Parking \$15/day

- **TUBERS WANTED**
 - I am looking for tubers of Chimcum del Blomma. If anyone has any please contact me.
 - bonddiane9@gmail.com

Want Ads and Notices

- **Seedlings or seeds available**

- Limited number of seedlings of pod parents:
 - Hollyhill Dr Rick
 - Bumble Rumble

More seeds if you want them. Contact bonddiane9@gmail.com

- **MSU fertilizer** available \$5/ 1 lb container.

Contact bonddiane9@gmail.com

San Leandro Dahlia Society 2022 Tuber and Plant Sale

The 2022 SLDS Plant and Tuber Sale committee (Ellen, Ginger, John, Diane & Tika) met on February 22, 2022. It was a productive meeting. We are happy to announce that we have secured a free location and reserved dates for set up, drop off, sorting and the member and public sale.

When: Saturday, May 7th

Location: Mulford Gardens Improvement Association clubhouse
across from Garfield ES, 13050 Aurora Dr, San Leandro

Time: TBD possibly 11-2 or until sold out

Members Only Sale 9:30-10:30 (25% price discount)

Tuber and Plant drop off times:

Thursday evening May 5th 6-8 p.m.

Friday, May 6th 10-4 Tuber and Plant Drop off and sorting

Drop off by 9 a.m. Saturday if the earlier times don't work

San Leandro Dahlia Society 2022 Tuber and Plant Sale (continued)

Proposed Prices: \$6 for tubers and \$8 for plants (a \$2 increase from 2021)

Payment apps are being researched in addition to cash sales.

Help is needed for the following:

- Publicity-Beverly usually does this, but members can also get the word out to their garden groups and friends
- Bloom photo/label collecting and organizing from members (each tuber bin/plant should have a photo) -Diane and Tika both volunteered-Sue may have many from our online sales
- Tuber/Plant sale list-Ginger volunteered. Please send your list to her with the
- Tuber sorting and table set up (Friday/Saturday)
- Cashiers/Tracking (3-4 people)
- Dahlia growing and care information/education table (2-3)
- Member recruitment and sign up (2)
- Post-Sale venue clean up

Now is the time to start examining your tubers for health/eyes/etc. and potting those that might make good plants. It is 7 weeks from the March meeting to the sale, our major club fundraiser, so there still may be time to get plants (which are popular sale items) to grow. Submitted by Ellen Muir

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES 2/15/22

ELLEN MUIR

DEVA LOWENTHAL

LESLIE SERVIN

DIANE BOND

JOHN MORTON

BEVERLY DAHLSTED

CHRIS DIX

CRAIG CALLAHAN

KRISTI WHITFIELD

TIKA VITERI

PEGGY MURPHY

LORETTA FIGUEROA

CURTIS MAXWELL

BARRY & MARCIA HART

ROY STIER

EVELYN ROSA

QUAMRUN ELDRIGE

MARILYN FONG

DENNIS STONE

MEETING STARTED AT 7:05

JOHN DISCUSSED HIS TRIP TO SEATTLE GARDEN SHOW – HOW SOME OF THE VENDORS SET UP THEIR DISPLAYS – SHOWED PICTURES OF SOME OF THE FLOWER DISPLAYS & GARDENS – IT WAS A 5 DAY SHOW. EVERYDAY WAS SUPER BUSY.

NO NEW MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURTIS STATES THAT MONTEREY IS GOING TO HAVE A SHOW ON THE LAST WEEKEND OF AUGUST.

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY MEETING 2/15/22 MINUTES (cont)

ELLEN SAID THAT MONTEREY AND CENTRAL COAST ARE HAVING A TUBER/PLANT SALE 4/3

MINUTES ACCEPTED/APPROVED

TREASURES REPORT – ACCEPTED/APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORT – NONE

THE NEW BYLAWS/CONSITUTION WAS APPROVED AND PASSED.

DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING AN IN-PERSON SALE – COMMITTEE WAS FORMED – PRELIM DATES ARE APRIL 23RD & 30TH

GARDEN UPDATE – DJ SENT A PHOTO ON THE POTS HE USES FOR HIS SEEDLINGS – MEMBERS DISCUSSED TRYING TO BUY TUBERS ONLINE

MEMBERS LOOKING FOR TUBERS SHOULD CONTACT DIANE AND SHE WILL POST IT IN THE NEWS LETTER

WE HAD THE MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE – TONS OF FUN!

NEW INTRODUCTIONS OF DAHLIAS FROM THE ADS – KRISTI HAD PICTURES – THERE IS A VIDEO ON THE ADS WEBSITE – STUNNING BLOOMS!

GENERAL QUESTIONS ASKED

MEETING ENDED AT 8:45

Activities for March

Digging and dividing tubers



Activities for March



Pot up seedlings



Cuttings in cold frame