

San Leandro Dahlia Society

DAHLIA TIMES
May 2022



Letter from the President (1)

Dahlia Folks,

For those of you that were able to attend the Dahlia Tuber/Plant sale, wasn't it fun!! I met several members that I had never seen before as it has been a long time since we have gotten together. (Curses on you COVID!!) This was our first sale in person in two years and after a couple of early hiccups figuring out how to set the room up, we were rolling! The pictures really helped the sales and the banner out front helped the public find our sale. We had plenty of help from both seasoned members and those that were meeting us for the first time. I want to do it again this next weekend. lol. I want to thank all for giving time to help out the society. For those still looking for plants or tubers, let me know as there are some looking for homes. They look like puppies at the pound.....take me home please.



Some notes on what is going on in the background.

- Curtis is working to secure a place to have our 2022 show.
- We will probably be having a dahlia judging seminar in our area. More on that soon.
- We have talked a bit about getting San Leandro Dahlia Tee shirts. Anyone with ideas on a logo, picture etc. for these Tees, let us know. Should we have a contest to see who can come up with the best Logo? Could be fun for you artistic folk.

Letter from the President (2)

Now that most of you have your tubers and cuttings here are some hints.

- Tubers do not need a lot of water right after they have been planted. They will be happy getting watered when you plant and probably not need much until they come up. Giving them too much water when they are first putting out their feeding roots can make these roots rot.
- Cuttings will need watering from the beginning because they are already rooted.
- Make sure to put down bait for snails, slugs and earwigs. They will make a salad out of your newly growing plants.

Looking forward to our meeting on the 17th.

John



The Incredible 2022 SLDS Tuber and Plant Sale Success Story

Thanks to the teamwork of the San Leandro Dahlia Society members, we were able to execute a really great May 7th sale event this year. Our net sales total was \$3232.00.

It was not only a labor of dahlia love but an opportunity to socialize, share, eat and laugh together while we sold tubers and plants to our members and the public. It was great to see everyone in person after a long absence and specially to meet the new members who joined just before or during the online meetings began.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mulford Gardens Improvement Association, our great venue allowed us to set up the stock and arrange the room the day before, so the sale day work was minimal. Members generously donated tubers and plants and we were gifted extras donated by the Dahlia Society of California from their sale the previous Saturday.

There are too many people to thank by name, but you know who you are. Key were all who donated a few or many cuttings and tubers, the set up and cleanup crews, the table organizers, the dahlia photo maven, the poster makers, the cashiers, the sales helpers, the door greeters, the lamination queen, membership, and mentoring/growing support. Many people came from a distance to help. A special shout out to Samantha LeBlanc who drove from Sacramento and stayed from opening to closing the doors on Saturday. We discovered the art, organizing, sales and leadership talent of many.

Congratulations San Leandro Dahlia Society on an event well done!

Tuber/Plant Sale Memories



Bob and Cris getting the low down from Curtis

Setting Up



Sorting those tubers



Tuber/Plant Sale Memories



Moe and his friends



- Greeting the Public



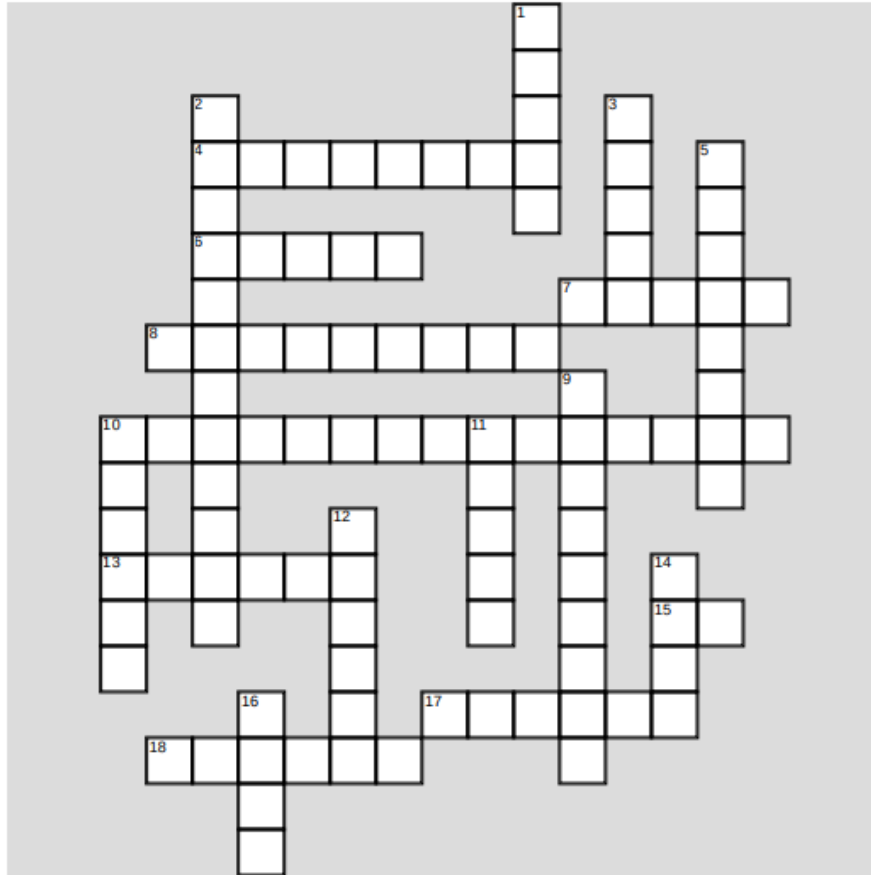
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GARDEN CROSSWORD MAY 2022



Across

- 4 KRISTINE WHO BREEDS BEAUTIFUL DAHLIAS IN THE MONTEREY BAY DAHLIA SOCIETY
- 6 HELPS KEEP YOU DAHLIAS STAND TALL
- 7 IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOUR DAHLIAS PLENT OF THIS
- 8 FORM WITH A SINGLE ROW OF RAY FLORETS
- 10 VERY POPULAR YELLOW BALL
- 13 PLANTING TOOL
- 15 DAHLIAS OVER 10 INCHES IN DIAMETER
- 17 COLOR OF STEVE MEGGOS
- 18 PRESIDENT JOHN ____

Down

- 1 DEBORAH WHO GROWS AT THE DAHLIA DELL IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
- 2 SPORT OF STEVE MEGGOS
- 3 CLASSIFICATION #1201 WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST # OF BLUE AND HIGHER AWARDS IN THE NATION IN THE 2022 CLASSIFICATION HANDBOOK
- 5 COLOR OF 2 DOWN
- 9 COLOR OF HAPET BLUE EYES
- 10 ____MAXWELL. ORIGINATOR OF 3 DOWN
- 11 COLOR OF 3 DOWN
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- 14 WHAT YOU CAN PUT CUT DAHLIAS IN
- 16 WHAT HOLDS YOUR BLOOMS FOR THE SHOW

Answers on last page

May meeting

- Tuesday May 17 at 7:00 PM
- IN PERSON MEETING!!!!
- Chris Dix will be speaking on fertilizing your dahlias now and throughout the season.

- Church of Christ
601 MacArthur Blvd
San Leandro CA 94577
PLEASE WEAR MASKS
NO FOOD OR DRINK
- Hybrid ZOOM information will be sent by Ellen for those of you who will attend from home.



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

- **MSU fertilizer**

We sold out of MSU at the tuber/plant sale. I can arrange to get some more. The price would be between \$6 and \$7 per pound. Please let Diane Bond know if you want some. Your interest will dictate whether I get more. Contact bonddiane9@gmail.com

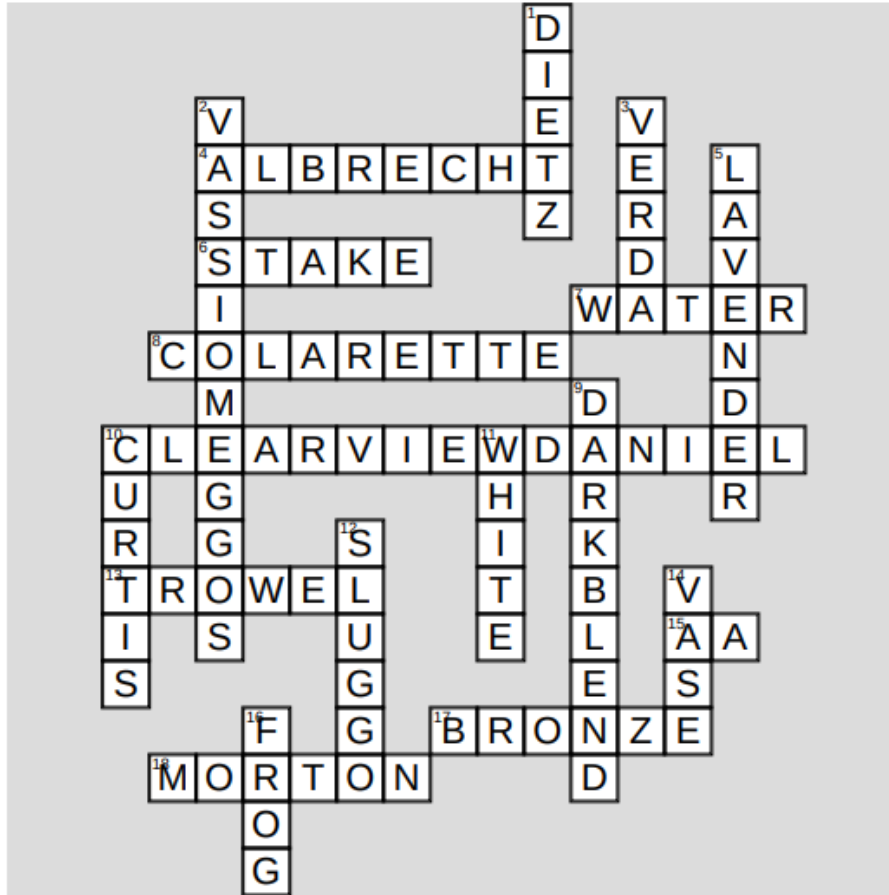
Activities for May

Plant, plant, plant



Answers to the crossword puzzle

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