

San Leandro  
Dahlia Society

DAHLIA TIMES  
November 2022



# November meeting

- Tuesday November 15

- **6:00 PM START**

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

PLEASE WEAR MASKS

## AGENDA

- POTLUCK!
- Short business topics: previous minutes, treasurer's report
- February conference update and subcommittee signups (Ellen and Quamrun)
- Q&A topics: Soil preparation, irrigation, buying tubers (All)
- Scheduling April Tuber Sale
- Slide show of 2022 new introductions

# Letter from the President

Dahlia Folk,

Did you feel the rain? We usually use "feel" around here in terms of earthquakes. It has been a long time since we had appreciable rain so let's be safe on the roads and enjoy that wet stuff from the skies.

For those that are going to dig and separate your tubers, as the plants die back, you can cut the stalks down and beginning the digging in a couple of weeks. This will allow the tuber clump to realize there is no nourishment coming from above ground and that roots should get all the attention. My advice is to dig one cultivar at a time so that you don't



mix up the clumps and get confused on which plants are which. While some store in peat moss and others in vermiculite or another medium, make sure there is enough moisture to keep the tubers from drying out but not so much that they rot. I take the vermiculite, squeeze a clump in my hand and if it slowly starts to fall apart in my hand it is just about right. If it stays in a ball, too wet. If it doesn't make a ball, too dry. Storage should be in a cool, dry place like a garage but not on a concrete floor. I would check your tubers a couple of time during the "sleeping season" to make sure they are doing well. Pull out any that are rotting and if they are drying up, give them a misting.

We have teams working on our February Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference and you are invited to help.

Keep an eye out for E-mails for opportunities to help. If just a few have to take on the jobs it will be hard but you know the saying, many hands make the work easy.

We also have people looking for a place for our 2023 dahlia show. We are trying to get a venue that we can afford and in early September. Early August is too early for a lot of our growers.

Looking forward to the potluck at our next meeting. We will start at 6:00 pm so we can eat and have time for a little dahlia info. Bring your appetite.

John, your President.

# OCTOBER 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE - MEETING STARTED 7:05 PM

JOHN MORTON

KRISTI WHITFIELD

GINGER PORRILL

ELLEN MUIR

CHRIS MUIR

BEVERLY DAHLSTED

DEVA LOWENTHAL

MARILYN FONG

QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE

CHRIS DIX

JULIA SEBASTIAN

PEGGY MURPHY

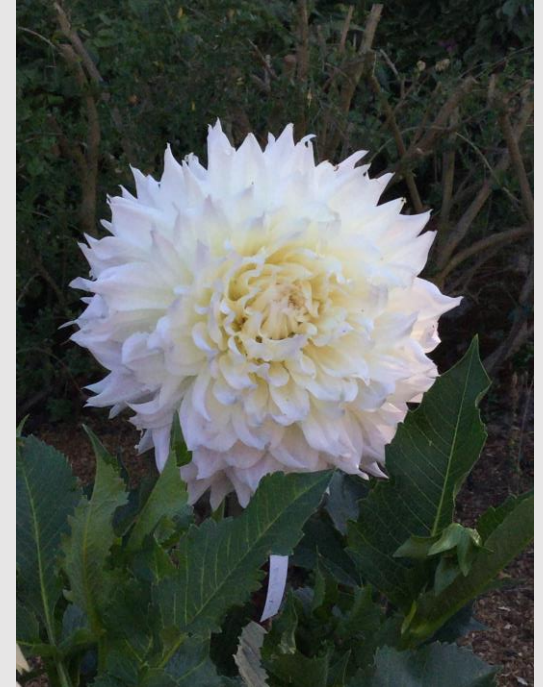
LESLEY, LORETTA AND EVELYN ROSA ON ZOOM

- DISCUSSED THE NEW ADS MAGAZINE - GREATLY IMPROVED - ONLY GETTING 3 A YEAR NOW
- GROWERS IN NORTHWEST ARE LIKELY TO NOT HAVE BUMPER CROPS OF TUBERS DUE TO WEATHER ISSUES/LATE PLANTING. DISCUSSED POSS. ALTERNATE VENDORS. DIANE IS GOING TO PUBLISH A LIST IN THE NEWS LETTER.
- INTRODUCTIONS
- DISCUSSION ON SEED COLLECTING - KRISTI BROUGHT EXAMPLES FOR EVERYONE TO DO.
- PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND TREASURES REPORT WERE ACCEPTED
- ADS HAS CHANGED THEIR END OF YEAR THE TO MAY. DIANE HAS PROPOSED WE DO THE SAME. SHE REQUESTED THAT OLDER MEMBERS COLLECT A FEW CLASSIFICATION BOOKS

# OCTOBER 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

- ADS IS HAVING A PHOTO SHOW. YOU CAN SUBMIT PHOTOS UNTIL MID DECEMBER. IT IS IN THE BULLETIN.
- CHRIS TALKED ABOUT HAVING A TABLE AT THE AUTUMN LIGHTS AT LAKE MERRITT FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.
- ELLEN TALKED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE - VARIOUS POSS. VENUES - FEBRUARY 18TH
- CHRIS GAVE A DEMO ON TUBER CUTTING/DIVIDING AND STORING.
- POTLUCK FOR NOVEMBER 15TH - KRISTI WILL SEND A SIGN UP SHEET
- MEETING ENDED AT 8:35PM

MEETING ENDED AT 8:45PM



# Save the Date-Saturday, February 18, 2023

We are in the planning stages to host the 71 st annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference. The Pacific Southwest Dahlia (PSW) Conference is comprised of the California regional dahlia societies who in affiliation with the American Dahlia Society meet annually to share our love of and information about growing, cultivating, showing dahlias.

The PSW Conference is comprised of the San Leandro Dahlia Society, the Dahlia Society of California (SF), the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society, the John E. Stowell Dahlia Society, the Central Coast Dahlia Society and the San Diego County Dahlia Society. The conference hosting is rotated among the societies and due to the pandemic was on hold for 2021 and 2022. It is San Leandro's turn to host in 2023.

Local venues are being researched for the one-day conference that can up to 100 attendees. Once a venue is secured and approved by the Board, more information and volunteer opportunities will be shared. Please look complete the survey that will be emailed to the PSW Conference members in the next few weeks about the conference topics and your plans to attend.

Each year we hold a raffle to help defray the costs of the conference. As you prepare for winter, start setting aside new or gently used items that you could donate to the raffle or gift cards and donations from local businesses. Everyone's help is welcome for this to be a successful fun, social and learning event.



# November Potluck

We will be having a potluck at our next meeting, November 15.

We will gather at 6:00 pm instead of our usual 7:00 pm.

Please bring your own placemat, plate and flatware.

Please reply to Kristi Whitfield ([kristi9876@aol.com](mailto:kristi9876@aol.com) ) and let her know what food you plan to bring. If the menu looks lopsided, she will reach out to rebalance.





# 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](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com)

if you want to put something in the want ads.



# Want Ads and Notices

This is the season that many of us are looking for tubers for next year. Below is a list of sites and vendors that might help you in your quest.

- Dahlia Addict ( <https://dahliaaddict.com/> ) This site lists many US suppliers and cultivars they have available.

The following is a list of suppliers that were mentioned at the October meeting:

- Cowlitz River Dahlias ( <https://www.dahlias4u.com/> ) **OPEN JANUARY 2023**
- JS Dahlias ( <http://www.jsdahlias.com/> )
- Lobaugh's Dahlias ( <https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/> ) **OPEN December 1 2022**
- Connell's Dahlias ( <https://connells-dahlias.com/> ) **OPEN NOW!**
- Dan's Dahlias ( <https://www.shop.dansdahlias.com/> )
- Arrowhead Dahlias ( <https://www.arrowheaddahlias.com/> )
- Birch Bay ( <http://www.birchbaydahlias.com/> )
- Stonehouse Dahlias ( <https://stonehousedahlias.com/> ) Rooted cutting of Kristine Albrecht's cultivars.

Suppliers I could not find but were mentioned

- Aztec Dahlias
- Julie's Dahlias

