

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**October, 2017**

**Next Meeting: Oct. 17, 7:00 PM**

**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia Folk,

As the days get shorter, the dahlias are doing their best to bloom as much as they can. The pinching of not needed buds is impossible. The blooms are smaller and for the fully double blooms, they open faster and show the pollen sooner. Not what a show dahlia should be but, this is what nature intended. Get those pollinators to work. Make those seeds viable. Spread seeds for the coming year. So, for those that want to try growing from seeds, now is the time to start collecting them from the seed pods. Because of the amount of blooms, the monarch butterflies are all over. Often there are ten or more in the yard at a time going to the blooms that are showing pollen. The bees are working hard collecting nectar and going from bloom to bloom dropping off the pollen from different blooms and making the next fantastic dahlia blooms possible. Growing from seeds is fun because you never know what you will when the new plant blooms. This is how we begin new dahlias.

At our next meeting we will briefly go over what the February Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference might look like. We have plenty of room to make changes but we need to get this going. For those not knowing about the conference, there are five dahlia societies in California that belong to the conference. We meet once a year to rub elbows with those that we might only see at shows, talk about what is working in their societies and getting information about the winners from last year. This will be a one day event and I would hope all will attend. There will be a raffle and I hope we will have gift certificates from some growers that can be won as well as other plant like stuff. It is meant to be a fun time with some business mixed in.

Hope the fires aren't messing with your lungs or making your cars too dirty. Thoughts and prayers to those in the fires.

Pres John

**Refreshments will be provided by:**  
**Idalina and Dawn**

**Next Month: Thanksgiving Feast!**

# Minutes – Sept. 19, 2017 Meeting

## 7:00 - Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton Present: 17 members

Comments reg. recent annual SL Dahlia Show...One of best shows in recent years --- approx.1500 blooms. There were 117 novice entries!

Suggestions for future shows included explanation of color tags as well as photos that identify the actual blooms we are showing.

Tax status ----John stated that "we are good". We have now obtained tax exempt status. If changes need to be made, we need to reapply as well as renewing yearly. If we desire to sell flowers, we can pursue a resale license. There would be need to charge tax.

Lynda Paradise ---Motion made, seconded and passed to provide her with 2 gift certificates [\$50.00 each] from Starbucks and Pete's Coffee. We desired to recognize a "thankless" job of cataloging results from all the clerk sheets at the annual shows. She comes from San Francisco to do this.

The Santa Rosa Harvest Festival's third year showed a wide variety of tomatoes, gourds, etc in great displays. Dahlias included. It is a three day display following Labor Day. Blue Grass music for all to enjoy, too.

Alta Mira seems willing to provide area for another dahlia garden. We currently have 3 sites: 1) Casa Peralta, 2) Root Park and 3) Lakeside Park at Lake Merritt.

American Dahlia Society --- Would like the "Spring Meeting" to be held in San Jose area this next March or April. This would be at a hotel site that has a meeting room for approx. 1 1/2 day period.

Virus research ---A donation for \$809,000.00 has been made to Washington State to develop a department for the study of dahlia viruses. We are hoping for a future meeting at ADS with this individual.

Conference Show ---It is SLDS'Lv turn for this one day event. Date in February to be selected

as well as location, menu and prizes.  
Especially desirable are gift certificates from vendors.

Garden pests---Weather this past season has brought out more red spider mites as well as "spotted cucumber beetles".

Yearly dues ----Bev reminded members to please pay by November.  
\$34.00 single or 37.00 family [ 10.00 SLDS and 24.00 ADS]. Incentive to pay early involves prizes.

New members --- Michelle and Pauline introduced themselves and included their dahlia background.

"Best" and "Worst" dahlia grown from seedling ---Roy judged Beverly to have the best and JoAnne/John the worst. The prize money that Curtis donated earlier was awarded.

Refreshments followed and meeting adjourned 8:45

Minutes recorded Maren Giannini

# Program:

How are your dahlias doing now? Marcia's yard has quite a few dahlias in bloom... so she went from none to bring to the shows, to a garden full of them now. It's been a strange year!

We'll talk about what to do with your dahlias now... and begin thinking about storing them for next year!



## *2018 Dues are due ...*

\$10 for San Leandro Dahlia Society only

\$10 SLDS + \$24 individual ADS membership = \$34

\$10 SLDS + \$27 family ADS membership = \$37

**If you pay in October, you will receive 2 raffle tickets.**

**If you pay in November, you will receive 1 raffle ticket.**

**Raffle prizes will be good stuff. Join early!**

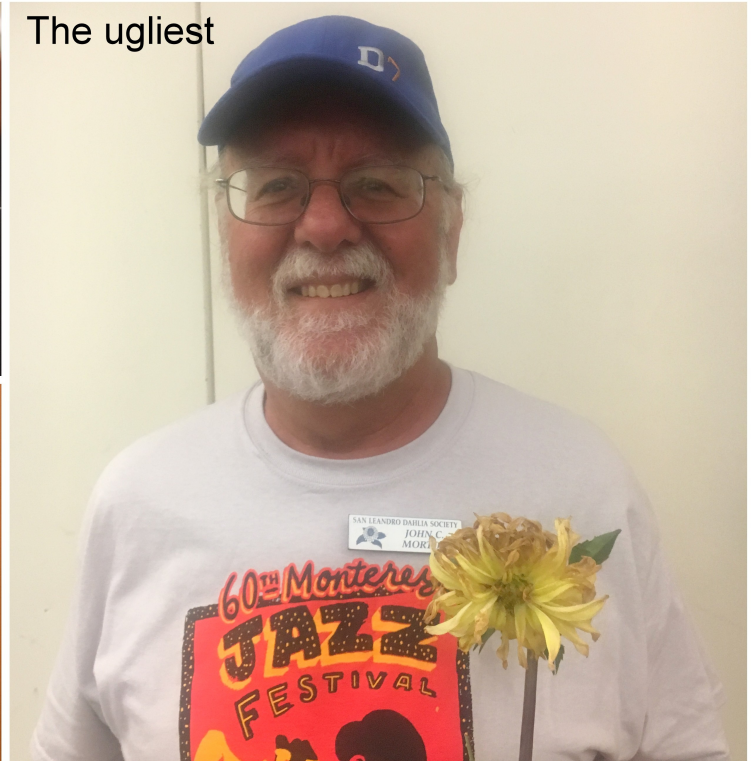
Thanks,

Beverly, Membership chair

# The results of our seedling contest at the September meeting:



The ugliest



The prettiest

