

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: November 20th, 7:00 PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folks,

Can it really be the last meeting of the year? How time has flown this year.

I believe we will be talking about dividing and winter storage of tubers. It will be good for the long time growers to be at the meeting to tell what tricks they have. Do you use bleach or a fungicide? Do you dip or spray? In what medium do you overwinter your tubers. Do you even dig your plants up now but wait until spring? All very interesting stuff. I would advise that you wait until all the smoke is out of the air.

Beverly has a note in the newsletter about the society dues as well as the ADS dues. The ADS dues we want to get out before the end of the year.

Looking at the yard now, it is hard to imagine that two months ago we had show quality blooms and the neighbors were raving at how beautiful our plants were. If yours are like mine, the plants are quickly dying back and look like they have died forever.

Yet, we know how they will be back doing even better than they were this year. We will have a Best in Show. Our seedling will win a medal. One of your best seedlings is green and the other is blue. Yep, this is the time of year to start dreaming about next year and what to do to prepare for the best year ever.

2019 is the Year of the Dahlia. More will come up about this early next year.

The best of the holidays to all if we don't see you,

John

Refreshments will be by provided:
Ellen & Sue

Next Month(Jan): potluck

San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

October 16, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton

Present 24 members

Reminders -- membership

Beverly indicated 5 new members. She would like to collect all 2019 fees by December. San Leandro Dahlia Society only is \$10.00, ADS(American Dahlia Society) is \$24.00 for single and \$27.00 for family. Going with ADS membership gives you the annual classification book(s).

John --- Folks are still able to purchase clipboards at \$5.00

Old Business ---

☼ John stated ADS is promoting the "small" [under 2 inches] dahlias for the next five years with info from national show. ADS is hoping to increase membership and larger participation in the shows.

New Business ---

☼ Regarding Nov 20th meeting ---Motion made [by Chris] and passed to cancel annual pot luck for that date and have meeting only. As in past, no December gathering.

☼ January meeting will have a emphasis on "digging, dividing, and storing". Date for future pot luck to be decided later.

☼ Kristi --- Lake Merritt Gardens having annual Autumn Lights Festival. Ticketed event. She requested if any members have Christmas outdoor lights that could be used for event. They will be labeled and returned. Deva has volunteered to help her. Wed. is the day to set up dahlia area. Anyone else interested is welcome to help. Show Oct 18-20, 6-11pm

☼ Roy and Betty --- Received certificate [plus lovely photos] of work at Peralta Gardens.

☼ Beverly ---Two new members received their \$20.00 gift certificates that can be applied toward annual spring dahlia sale.

☼ Chris ---Jan, Feb and Mar meetings will have new release tubers which will be raffled with each paid member gets a ticket. The idea is the winners will grow these new varieties and bring in tubers the following year. Concept relates to last year's suggestion for membership.

☼ Chris had a seed pod that was placed in paper bag to show what typical seed pod that is likely to have seeds looks like (bulge tapered to a closed top. [Curtis suggestion] to keep dry/safe. If no seeds desired, can cut stalk down and stop watering as soon as cool weather starts.

☼ Curtis --- Had approx. 25 min. video on show winner dahlias new dahlias. There will be more training on dahlia forms and coding to be done at later time ---esp. for new members.

☼ Treasurer ---Dennis Stone---prior to meeting, issued checks to receipt holders for expenses.

☼ List passed for next year's refreshments.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 Refreshments served

Secretary ---Maren Giannini

Lake Merrit Autumn Lights Festival at Kristi's dahlia garden

