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Next Meeting: January 18th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM,
Zoom Meeting hosted by Ellen Muir, San Leandro

Dahlia Folk,

Here it is mid-January already and do you know where your dahlia tubers are and how they are doing? If you have dug them up and have them in storage this would be a good time to check them. You may have some rot and will want to remove the infected ones so it will not spread. They may be a bit dry and need a spritz of water to rehydrate them. I remember a couple of years ago critters got in my garage and munched on dahlia tubers. Just do a spot check to see how you are doing.

On a sad note, Joan Whitworth, wife of George, passed away early this month. Joan, George and Don Silva would drive all the way from Ceres to our meetings and bring cookies and other goodies to support our meetings. They were in a care home at the time of her passing. Also, a long-time member, Clara Almand passed this month as well. She and her husband Jack were members here from back in the '60's until Jack passed away and Clara moved South to stay close to her daughter. Clara was Vice-President here for a time and Jack gave many talks on dahlia culture to our group. All of us that knew these ladies will look back on them with fond memories.

Curtis is going to have some interesting seedling things to talk about. Curtis always has some ideas to make us grow and show our seedlings. I am looking forward to hearing what he has up his sleeve this time.

Looking forward to the meeting, January 18th at 7:00. Let's ZOOM!!

Your Pres, John

San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

November 16, 2021

Zoom

Ellen opened the meeting at 7:08 after a great discussion of crows.

Present: Ellen Muir, John Morton, Roy Stier, Quantum Eldridge, Curtis Maxwell, Linda Bailey, Craig Callihan, Deva Lowenthal, Loretta Figueroa, Marilyn Fong, Josie Sommer, Diane Bond, Chris Dix, DJ Ecklebarger, Kristi Whitfield, Leslie Servin, Beverly Dahlstedt, Dennis Stone, Marilyn Fong, Peggy Murphy, Max Critchfield

Welcome by John -Linda Bailey introduced herself. She is a tax preparer. Zero to hero at a dinner party bringing dinner plate dahlias. Welcome, Linda!

John said this was a good teaching time as dahlias are on their way out. Literally.

President's report: (John) Not much going on. The tree dahlia is the only dahlia blooming!!

Treasurer report: Dennis reported all membership checks are deposited. Checking account is liquid (much of it will go to ADS) CD: Is doing well. Dennis is looking for another person to be on the account with him. They will check to see if John is ... he was at one time.

Minutes were sent out, but we did not get them. We will re-distribute and approve them next time.

Membership: Diane reported 47 members from 2021. 23 members for 2022. Please send checks to Diane. She wants all memberships in by the end of December.

Raffle prizes are encouraged. Curtis donated stuff. Thank you.

PSW conference: John is concerned about the annual conference in February as it is our turn to host it. We want to be safe, so we will hold off and see how things progress. We are in limbo and will look forward to a good safe conference. Bylaws say the conference must be in February. It might be too cold to be outdoors. Societies are polling members for interest. Consensus seems to be to wait and see the interest from other societies.

Field cuttings ... Roy Stier presented ... With a new pacemaker, Roy handed his care of his dahlias to his daughter. Time to cut back. She cut his dahlias differently than he does ... 12 inches high rather than 2-3 inches. Two weeks later ... new shoots all over the stalks! He could take cuttings! He took 90 cuttings and will do another 50. Liquid fertilizer to get more roots. He's hoping for 25 % cuttings to root. Cuttings can make more cuttings, exponentially. Amazing!

This year, Roy will leave 25 % of his plants in the ground. He has seen other growers succeed with this method. He will leave three shoots rather than one shoot as some growers have suggested. Second, Roy will leave some partially dug and divide later.

Third, dig, divide and take cuttings (his traditional way of doing things)

Dahlia of the year: John explained the dahlia of the year. One fully double and one open center that have a special spot in the show. We need to find ones that we might have lots of tubers of the same variety.

Options for disc centered:

Christmas Star - not much available

Fancy Pants - Roy and others have it

Angel Rowyn - not much is available

Beverly moved that Fancy Pants be the disc centered flower of the year. Passed.

Fully double consideration:

Phil - Kristi has lots

Clearview Edie - Roy has some

Curtis moved and Ellen seconded that Phil be our fully double flower of the year. Passed. Note: This was an origination by Roy, named after his father. 😊😊

Conference cont'd ... John and Ellen will check with the other societies to field their interest. The board will convene and make some decisions.

Calendars Ellen will order calendars from the National Capitol Dahlia Society. It's their fund raiser for the upcoming national show. \$8 pick up from Ellen, \$10 shipped. Ellen looked for interest. She will order this Friday.

Video: Digging and dividing from Swan Island Very informative

Announcement:

Chris ... will dig, wash, divide some dahlias 10 AM Saturday November 27 at Lake Merritt Garden. FYI - information and guidance. He is not asking for help at this time.

No meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Dahlstedt

Flowers of the Year- For a section in the 2022 Show Fancy Pants, Phil



Phil (photo by Ellen Muir)



Fancy Pants (Photo from ADS)

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA BOARD MEETING 11/29/21

ELLEN MUIR	GINGER PORRILL	DEVA LOWENTHAL
CURTIS MAXWELL	CHRIS DIX	KRISTI WHITFIELD
SUE GREGORI	DIANE BOND	
JOHN MORTON	DENNIS STONE	

MEETING STARTED AT 6:10PM

FIRST ITEM - ARE WE DOING THE CONFERENCE? ELLEN STATED SHE PUT IN RESERVATION AFTER DISCUSSING WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE AND THEY WERE BEING ACCOMODATING BUT THERE ARE LOT OF RESTRICTIONS. SHE CALLED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS IF WE WANTED TO HAVE AN IN PERSON MEETING.

LOS GATOS LODGE - \$1500 ALL MEALS WOULD HAVE TO BE CATERED.

MARINA INN - \$2300

THE VOTE WAS AGAINST HAVING AN INPERSON CONFERENCE – ALL VOTING NAY. WITH A NEW VARIANT AND SO MANY MEMBERS IN THE HIGH RISK CATERGORY.

SECOND ITEM - DO WE HAVE A “VIRTUAL” CONFERENCE – THE PROS & CONS WERE DISCUSSED.

KRISTI OFFERED THAT A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SHE DID WAS NOT THE SAME.

CURTIS STATED THAT HE WAS AGAINST – WANTING TO WAIT UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR.

JOHN OFFERED THAT HE DID WHEN THRU THE ALDS – IT WAS A 3 HOUR “MEETING”

A VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH 1 YEA AND THE REST WERE NAY.

THIRD ITEM – A NEW LOCAL BUSINESS REACHED OUT TO US ABOUT A DAHLIA MURAL ON THE SIDE OF THEIR BUILDING – IT WAS VOTED THAT ELLEN WOULD INVESTIGATE FURTHER AND ALSO PUT OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ABOUT AUTHORIZING \$500 AS A POSSIBLE CO-SPONSOR. ALL VOTED YEA.

FOURTH ITEM - DISCUSSION ABOUT ANOTHER BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS REVISING THE BYLAWS. ONE WEEK BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING – JAN. 10 6PM

FIFTH ITEM – MEETING LENGTH – ZOOM 7-8:30 AND INPERSON MEETING 7-9PM

SIXTH ITEM – DEVA TO DO THE NOMINATIONS SO WE CAN VOTE IN JANUARY. THAT WAS TABLE FOR LATER.

MEETING ENDED AT 7:05PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING – 1/10/22

ELLEN MUIR	DENNIS STONE(LATE)	JOHN MORTON	DIANE BOND
GINGER PORRILL	CHRIS DIX	CURTIS MAXWELL	
DEVA LOWENTHAL	KRISTI WHITFIELD		

MEETING STARTED AT 6:05PM

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS – WE WENT SECTION BY SECTION.

MEMBERS HAD TYPOS TO CORRECT.

MEMBERS SUGGESTED MINOR CHANGES TO FIT OUR SPECIFIC GROUP. ELLEN EDITED ON THE SCREEN. DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW TO REMOVE A MEMBER. IT WAS LATER ADDED TO THE BYLAWS. AN EXPLANATION OF EACH POSITION WAS ADDED.

REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS WILL BE SENT TO THE GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP AND VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING ON JNAUARY 17TH.

MEETING WAS ENDED AT 7:25PM

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY MEETING 9/21/21

ELLEN MUIR	GINGER PORRILL
CURTIS MAXWELL	JOHN MORTON
LORETTA FIGUEROA	MARILYN FONG
KRISTI WHITFIELD	BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT
SUE GREGORI	CHRIS DIX
BRENT BOONE (NEW)	NANCY (NEW)
TIKA VITERI (NEW)	PEGGY
DENNIS	LESLIE SERVIN
QUAMRUN ELDRIDGE	DEVA
PURNIMA	KATHRYN
DIANE BOND	

MEETING STARTED AT 7:09PM

DISCUSSING THE DISPLAY FOR THE AUTUMN LIGHTS OAKLAND FUNDRAISER
CUT FLOWERS ON THE 14TH FOR DISPLAY RUNS 15-17TH. REPLACEMENT FLOWERS FOR DAY 2 & 3 MAYBE NEEDED.

JOHN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE QUICK BREAKDOWN OF THE SHOW AND THE WHOLE SHOW.

NEW MEMBERS WERE INTRODUCED

MINUTES AND TREASURY REVIEWED AND APPROVED

CURTIS AND SUE BROUGHT UP A JUDGING AND CLERKING ISSUES FROM THE SHOW

ELLEN SENT EVERYONE TO BREAKOUT ROOMS TO DISCUSS WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T. WE DISCUSSED EACH PLUS AND MINUS. WE DISCUSSED SUPPLING VASES FOR OUT OF AREA GUESTS SO THEY DO NOT HAVE TO COME BACK ON SUNDAY. CHRIS IS GOING TO COST IT OUT.

KUDOS TO EVERYONE FOR THE SHOW!

KRISTI AND JOHN DISCUSSED THE SOCIETY CONFERENCE. WE ARE THE HOST THIS YEAR. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO IT AND HOW. ELLEN AND JOHN ARE GOING TO PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF WHAT IS NEEDED.

A COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED AND FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL HAPPEN ON NEXT MONTHS MEETING.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:25PM

SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY MEETING 10/19/21

ELLEN MUIR	GINGER PORRILL
CRAIG CALLAHAN	KRISTI WHITFIELD
LORETTA FIGUEROA	JOHN MORTON
ROY	EVELYN ROSA
ELIZABETH STIER	CURTIS MAXWELL
DIANE BOND	BEVERLY DAHLSTEDT
DEVA	DENNIS
TIKA VITERI	CHRIS DIX
PURIMA	

MEETING STARTED AT 7:09PM

NO MINUTES AS SUE WAS OUT.

TREASURES REPORT GIVEN – JOHN STILL NEED TO SUPPLY WITH A FEW ADDRESSES FOR SHOW – REPORT ACCEPTED.

PREVIOUS MINUTES ACCEPTED.

DIANE BOND – NEW MEMBERS – BRENT BOONE/KATHRYN CARROLL/NANCY CLANCY
DUES – DUES DUE BY END OF YEAR AND THERE IS A RAFFLE – TICKETS ARE BASED ON HOW SOON YOU SEND YOUR
CHECK. LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE – EMAIL DIANE WITH PHOTO.

BEVERLY DAHLSTED – GIVING A TALK IN APRIL TO THE SAN RAMON GARDEN CLUB – CHRIS DIX TO VOLUNTEER TO CO
HOST.

CHRIS DIX WILL BE DOING A DIG/DIVIDE IN DECEMBER – MORE INFO TO COME

KRISTI DISCUSSED SHOW PHOTOS AND AUTUMN LIGHTS

DISCUSSIONS/QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR GARDENS – DIANE BROUGHT UP USING HEATED STYLETTE OIL & CAYENNE
PEPPER A GALLON OF WATER & 3-4 TBLSP OF STYLETTE OIL & 1 TSP CAYENNE PEPPER – COOL TO ROOM TEMP. BEFORE
PUTTING IN SPRAY BOTTLE – OCCASSIONALLY SHAKE BOTTLE WHEN APPLYING. ROY DISCUSSED ADDING BONE MEAL
NOW TO HELP – HE RECOMMENDS TURNING TO PREVENT CLUMPING WHICHS TURNS HARD

NO POTLUCK THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID

START THINKING ABOUT THE FLOWER OF THE YEAR FOR NEXT MEETING

ALSO START GATHERING INFO FOR DAHLIA SITES – ALSO START ORDERING TO GET WHAT YOU WANT – SWAN ISLAND /
DAHLIA ADDICT

VIDEO OF COLLECTING SEEDS

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE THAT HAS BEEN POSTPONED. THE DATES ARE FEBRUARY 12, 19 OR 26TH. ONLY A
1 DAY EVENT. A PLANNING MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:40PM