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Next Meeting: October 20th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting hosted by Ellen Muir, San Leandro

Dahlia folk,

The gardens aren't looking as robust now as they were. Yes, it is their time to turn off the blooms and work on the tubers. If your plants have given up, fallen down or just dried up, they are ready to dig. If they are still going fairly strong and the leaves are green, they are still working on tuber growth. With knee surgery the 28th of October, JoAnna and I will be digging later, probably in March if my healing is doing well. If not, I may be calling for help. You can be getting seeds from your spent blooms right now. Store them in a dry place and plant them in the spring. Hopefully you will have a winner when you see the seedling blooms.

Diane Bond got a message that I wanted her to purchase \$500. worth of Amazon gift cards for Veterans in Hospice. They knew I was the president and said I was out of town and wanted her to make the purchase. Needless to say I would never do that so always watch out for fraud. We are attacked by this stuff by phone everyday so if something comes in that looks fishy, it probably is.

The folks at the Gardens at Lake Merritt have welcomed Curtis Maxell as he will take over the dahlia garden that is maintained there. We have had a long standing of having a garden there and with the Root Park Dahlia Garden in San Leandro getting so much shade, we can no longer grow dahlias there. We will continue to grow at Casa Peralta in San Leandro. You never know, maybe San Leandro will cut down a tree or two to open up the light at Root Park.

In the past we have not always had meetings in November and December as they run so close to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please let us know your feelings about meetings those months and we will make decisions about having them at that time. With the Covid19 still going strong, the church we have our meetings at has not opened their doors yet.

Are there dahlias you are searching for and our local clubs don't have them? Check out [dahliaaddict.com](http://dahliaaddict.com). Many vendors to check and thousands of dahlias.

If there are subjects that you want to discuss in our meetings, please let Kristi know. We are always looking for subjects that our new or long time members would like to discuss.

John the Pres.

# San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7 pm on Zoom Hosted by Ellen Muir

Presiding --- John Morton, President

Present 14 members

We welcomed 4 new members to our Society: Amanda Lennon, Pumina Screnivasasn, Rob and Claudia Schmidt.

Diane Bond spoke about our Society's Membership and it is that time of year for all to renew.

-Our dues are as follows: SLDS only, \$10. SLDS and a membership to the ADS for 2021 is \$34 for single or \$37 for a family membership. An ADS membership includes the quarterly publication of the Bulletin and a Classification Book.

-Please send your dues to Diane Bond, and we are going to have a raffle at the end of the year. Those who submit their dues in Sept get 3 tickets, October 2 tickets, and November 1 ticket.

-We are asked to go on our Society website and submit a membership form updating our current information with our check to Diane.

President John Morton had many updates for us.

He attended a virtual ADS meeting on Sept 13:

- It was announced there will not be a new classification book in 2021 due to the lack of any new flowers introduced this year during the normal Societies' Flower Competition and Shows.

- John encouraged us to browse the American Dahlia Society Website. Loaded with great information and ideas, as members we are encouraged to log in and explore the site fully. members may log in by means of using : Username(the word): 'Member', Password can be found on page 5 of your ADS bulletin.

- This ADS website has a great option to search the "Dahlia University." It is here one can learn all about anything you yearned to learn about dahlias.

The Monterey Society's member, Kristine Albright has a newly released book she has written which is thorough and well written called, Dahlia Breeding . Kristine is quickly being regarded as one of the nationally admired dahlia hybridizers.

Traditionally held each February, there is a one day Dahlia Conference Attended by the Northern California Societies' members. We were to be the host in 2021, but like other events, there will not be a conference in 2021 due to Covid. There won't be a judging workshop either in 2021.

Our online virtual Dahlia Flower Show was an instant success. Over 300 pictures of blooms were submitted, viewed by many and voted on. The winners were announced and it was decided by those present that the Best Flower won \$25. The Sweepstakes will receive \$25 and all other first place winners will receive \$10. Congratulations to all of the winners.

A BIG shout out to Sue Gregori for all her hard work and her creativity that helped make our virtual show a reality.

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The growing season is quickly coming to an end. Some things reviewed for the September garden are as follows;

1. Check the names of your plants. Make sure they are correct and match the plant.
2. Decide if the quality of the plant is worth saving. Inspect the plant for viruses, stunted or blotchy. Do not compost any dahlias that might have a virus. Dispose of them in non-recycling.
3. Leave blooms on for possible cross pollination by bees. Allow these old blooms to set in the hopes that seeds will develop.

Max gave us an update on his "Gopher Patrol" this summer. He successfully caught 4. His family has purchased some land near Watsonville and Max will be developing a bigger space to grow dahlias. His excitement could be heard by all in his voice.

Marcia & Barry Shared that they use a laminated bug chart from Amazon in the garden: Mac's Field Guide good and bad bugs.

The meeting closed at 8:30 after a quite lively night of discussions.

Secretary ----Peggy Murphy

### Editor's Pick of some additional show pictures:



9902 Sunset in the Garden Beverly Dahlstedt



1012 - Ketchup and Mustard - Tony Palacios, photo by Beverly Dahlstedt



9901 Tall Bouquet Curtis Maxwell



9902 In the Garden Christine Blue



3001 Un-disseminated seedling -  
3rd year D J Eckleberger



3007-Mon Cher-e-Ellen Muir



3013 Hapet Blue Eyes Ellen Muir



2406-Skipley Bonanza-Deva Lowenthal



6013 Snoho Doris-Deva Lowenthal



3110-Bloomquist Cream-Dennis  
Stone



3010-Woodland's Taco Time-  
Beverly Dahlstedt



2502-Northlake Heritage-Roy Stier,  
photo by Ellen Muir



4005 KA's Rosie Jo Max Critchfield



3501 Olivia Maureen Ellen Muir



0109-My Hero-Quamrun Eldridge