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April 2020

**Next Meeting: April 21th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting, San Leandro**

Dahlia folk,

From all the E-mails going around you can see that your Dahlia Society is doing everything we can do to keep doing things as normally as we can.

Can we have meetings? Through Zoom we can do the best we can under the circumstances. Yes, we will have a meeting.

Can we have a tuber/plant sale? Well maybe. We are working on getting a list of what we have available and letting the club know what is out there. Then you can slip by with your mask on and pick up what you ordered. If this works well, we can send an E-mail to the list of dahlia growers we have on hand and do the same.

Can we continue learning about good growing and showing habits of dahlias? Not hands on as we have done in the past but we are working on ways to help with that as well.

I have received a lot of information from other dahlia clubs across the country and many will not have a sale this year. Some are going to send out a list of cultivars and send them out by mail. Others are doing what we are going to try to do with the society being the test batch. As we said above we will inventory the tubers and cuttings we have and Diane Bond will magically get this inventory in order and out to the club members. We will let you know the time to pick up your order and where to pick it up. We will be using the best CIA and FBI techniques to avoid getting within six feet of each other at all times. More on this as we go on.

We will continue to do our best to teach, guide, exchange, etc. dahlia information to all. If you have ideas of what you want to talk about, let Curtis and Kristi know and we will see what we can do.

Most of all, stay safe out there. The Washington State University put out a tri-fold called "Virus in Dahlias-Be Part of the Solution. As with dahlias, let's be part of the solution.

John

**Refreshments will be provided by:  
BYOS  
(Bring Your Own Snacks)**

# April's Meeting Program

Will be a discussion of what's going on in everybody's garden. No business meeting.

## San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 2 pm on Zoom Hosted by Ellen Muir**

**Presiding --- John Morton, President**

**Present --8 members**

On Tuesday, April 14 we had a zoom meeting to discuss the tuber sale, society meetings, and potential show. It was decided:

Diane Bond will compile a list of cultivars, tubers and cuttings, from our members who have them available. We can then determine ways of distributing them, including the possibilities of:

Ordering will be either on line from our website or from this list. Members are able to order and prepay. There are a few pick up locations by our intrepid society volunteers. First priority for tuber sales is to our paid membership, thereafter, if possible, to inform our mailing list of availability.

Giving tubers or cuttings to dahlia sites, local garden centers or having a booth at a local farmers' market. No concrete details as yet.

Ways to continue to continue to support and inform each other about shared love of dahlia growing: We will have a Zoom meeting at our regular meeting time, Tuesday night, April 21. [insert details here]

We have established a private Facebook group. [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243574223716397/>]  
And remember to check out our fabulous web site: [<http://www.sanleandrodahliasociety.org/>]

There are many restrictions on our lives at this time, but our love of growing these beautiful cultivars, sharing the glory and delight with others, remains strong.

Secretary ----Deva Lowenthal

# San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm- S.L. Church of Christ hall

Presiding --- John Morton, President

Present – 20+ members

February meeting called to order by President John Morton

San Leandro Society's Annual Tuber Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Root Park in San Leandro. The sale is our largest fundraiser for the year

San Leandro will begin a \$4,000,000 renovation of Casa Peralta this spring. Due to the garden expansion, Curtis will no longer be able to have his learning garden located at Casa Peralta and he has been surveying other potential locations for his garden

- Potential sites include the Gardens at Lake Merritt, which is considered to be a prime location
- Two of our members, Kristi and Chris are already growing dahlias at the Lake Merritt location

Another member of the Society – Andrew provided a great lesson and review of storing dahlia tubers

- For those members that did not dig tubers in late fall, Andrew mentioned that now is the time to dig the tubers and separate them
- Storing tubers in some type of vermiculite, peat moss or perlite is desirable
- Dahlias do not like frost, so protection from cold temperatures is a must
- Andrew described his "secret sauce" as he plants them outside. He always adds a banana peel, crushed egg shells and often adds pieces of Styrofoam to increase drainage

Roy Stier gave a demonstration to all of us on how to do cuttings

- Roy starts his tubers inside beginning in late January. He encouraged all of us to try to do cuttings because, in the end, you should get better results
- To take cuttings:
  - Once the tubers has two sets of leaves, take a clean scalpel and cut the sprouted tuber above the leaf node
  - Place the fresh cutting in root powder and carefully place in a 4x4 pot filled with potting soil and a peat moss mixture
  - Allow 3 weeks for cuttings to root
  - Advice: Planted tubers like heat to sprout and fresh cuttings like light/fluorescent light to grow roots
  - Oasis wedges are a favorite of many members to use as they start cuttings

After celebrating February birthdays, the meeting was adjourned

Next will be on March 17, 2020

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm. Next meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Secretary ----Peggy Murphy

February Meeting Pictures -

Close up of Roy Stier's tuber for cuttings - (Photo by Kristi Whitfield)



Demonstration of Propagation from tuber cuttings. (Photo by Ellen Muir)



Close up of Roy Stier's cuttings, tray & oasis wedges (Photo by Ellen Muir)



2020 New Introduction Slide Show (Photo by Kristi Whitfield)

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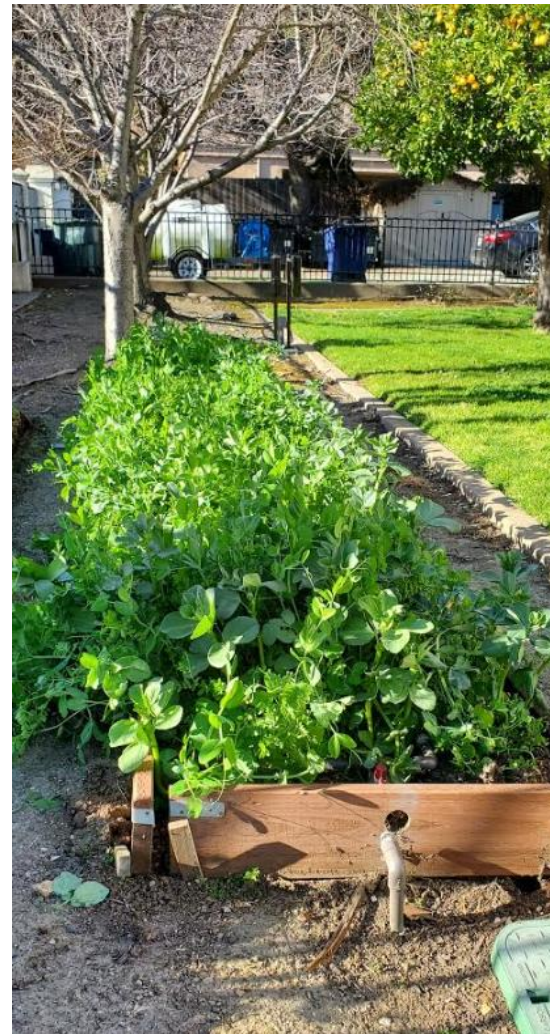
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Picture of the cover crop Curtis put in at Casa Peralta (Photo by Ellen Muir)

Monterey Dahlia Conference. A discussion with John and Curtis on a panel. (Photo by Ellen Muir)



Hybridizer Panel 2020

Panel Members – Kristine Albrecht, Karen Zydner, Lou Paradise, Curtis Maxwell, John Morton

1. What are your favorite seed parents and why?
2. How do you facilitate and or affect cross pollination?
3. What is your process for seed collection and cleaning?
4. What is your seedling starting process and planting configuration?
5. What would be the characteristics of your ideal or new dahlia variety?

# 2020 Calendar

## APRIL

21st - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

25th - San Leandro Dahlia Society Tuber & Plant Sale, Root Park, 1033 E 14th St , San Leandro, 8-12? TBA

## MAY

19th - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur, San Leandro or Zoom Meeting

## JUNE

16th - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur, San Leandro or Zoom Meeting

## JULY

21st - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur, San Leandro or Zoom Meeting

## AUGUST

15th - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur, San Leandro or Zoom Meeting

22nd & 23rd - Monterey Dahlia Show, Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm Museum of Art and History, 704 Front Street, Downtown Santa Cruz

## SEPTEMBER

21st - San Leandro Dahlia Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur, San Leandro or Zoom Meeting