

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**July 2019**

**Next Meeting: July 16th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia Folks,

The blooms are starting to appear. We go outside everyday and check them out. We are finding a lot of bug damage but no bugs. We will have to go out with a flashlight before we go to bed to see what is munching on our little plants.

We are finding some that are named wrong. Start checking labels as soon as you see your blooms appear.

Please let Kristine Albrecht know if you are going to attend the judging seminar in Santa Cruz on the 27th of July. We need trained judges and we only have one judge's seminar a year.

Pay attention to Sue's dates of upcoming events. Even if you can't exhibit at a show it is fun to go see what others are growing.

Remember our new meeting hours. Because of library constraints, we have to be out of the library by 8:00. It was voted to start our meetings at 6:30. If you are bringing blooms to show in the novice mini show (big money for winners), please come even earlier to set them up.

If my printer will start working, I will bring a couple of show schedules for you to check out. You can probably help me correct my errors before the show. New growers, you can check out the show schedule and ask all the questions you want.

Good growing,

John

**Refreshments will be by provided:  
Kristi & Roy & Bettie**

**Next Month (July): Tony & Peg Murphy**

# July's Topic & Agenda

Topic: How to stage for a show

Agenda: Mini Show for Novice Only, Bring as many flowers & vases that you would like. To show a flower, you'll need to bring the name of the dahlia and its classification number (or your ADS book, so you can look the class number up). If you want tips or help on staging, there will be people to help with hands on staging training and how to fill out your show tag. Chris Dix is hoping to see some of the blooms from the new dahlias varieties he raffled off at our meeting as tubers.

The mini show will be condensed to 5 categories:

1. All Open Centers – Collarette, Orchid, Orchette, Single, Mignon Single and Peony
2. Ball, Miniature Ball, Pompon
3. B and BB size all forms (Formal Decorative, Informal Decorative, Semi-Cactus, Straight Cactus, Incurved Cactus and Lacinated
4. A and AA size all forms (Formal Decorative, Informal Decorative, Semi-Cactus, Straight Cactus, Incurved Cactus and Lacinated
5. Everything Else: Stellar, Waterlily, Novelty, Miniatures (2-4") and Micro(below 2")



Bloomquist Mary Lou is one of Chris Dix's new tuber selections that is doing well in my garden (Sue G)

(BB IC LB, class 3410)

# San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

June 18, 2019, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding --- John Morton, President

Present 17 members

President --- John Morton - Stated that library personnel informed him that starting in July, our meetings must end by 8pm. We have been finishing at 9pm with \$25.00 payment to library guard. Past discussion it was decided to try 6:30 to 8pm for July meeting. Other arrangements will have to be made if this is not satisfactory.

Treasurer ---Dennis Stone ---Remain solvent. No bills submitted.

Minutes --- Voted and approved with no changes for May minutes.

General discussion ---

Kristi --- Stated she is trying rebar and using wine corks to cover tops. She continues to have success with MSU fertilizer (2 tsp/gal) weekly via watering can.

Ellen --- Brought in multi tomato plants started from seed. Free to take.

John ---Provided handouts, from Kevin Larkin, which provided suggestions/benefits of good plant nutrition.

The presentation used fertilizer testing to provide his suggestions. Primary plant nutrition needs nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous plus lesser amounts of other chemicals. Various aspects on composting, water, soil conditions, manures etc. were listed. Discussion followed among members as to what products they were using in their gardens to achieve healthy plants.

Ellen - Following brief break for refreshments, Ellen Muir led a discussion based on last month's concerns of positive and negative aspects of our general structure of meetings. It was noted that rearrangement of tables (closer together) for this meeting improved hearing of speakers. Roy suggested that meeting be divided into 3 sections

1 ---business

2 ---question/answer

3 ---topic/speaker.

Length of time for question/answers might vary depending on speaker or topic for the meeting. Plan on next meeting to revisit issues like name tags, breaking into small groups and recruiting new members.

John ---Reminder that July 20th from 9-3 in Santa Cruz, Monterey Society having judging school.

Meeting adjourned following a happy birthday to Deva

Secretary ---Maren Giannini



# Calendar



## JULY

**July 17th - 28th** - Mid State Fair, Paso Robles. Come support the new Mid-State Dahlia Society, and see their first ADS dahlia show.

**July 27th** - Judging Seminar for All Bay Area dahlia societies. Simpkins Swim Center. Come learn to judge dahlias and meet other Bay Area !! growers 9am-3pm.

## AUGUST

**August 17th - 18th** - San Francisco Dahlia Show. Hall of Flowers, San Francisco

**August 24th - 25th** - Monterey Bay Dahlia Show. Museum of Art and History, Santa Cruz

**August 31st - September 1** - National Dahlia Show, Grand Rapids, MI

## SEPTEMBER

**September 6th - 8th** - San Leandro Dahlia Show, (Set up starting on the 6th.) San Leandro Library

**September 10th - 12th**- Dahlia Show, Heirloom Festival, Santa Rosa