The Dahlia Times February 2018

As you can tell from this newsletter, the society is in desperate need of a newsletter editor. Barry Hart has done a tremendous job for several years and deserves a pat on the back for this. The pictures alone make me want to come to the meetings and he really puts the whole thing together nicely. Thank you for sharing your talent with our society. Now, who will step up and help us out?

Our Pacific Southwest Conference Meeting is right around the corner. We have a great speaker, Kevin Larkin, speaking on a subject that all gardeners talk about, beneficial insects. This alone should get all of us to this meeting. Then we have a raffle. We have almost $200 worth of gift certificates from dahlia vendors to give out to the lucky winners as well as other mysterious items that you can take home. This will be a fun event and worth the money. Please fill in your registration forms to let Beverly know if you can come so we can plan for the food and other items.

The American Dahlia Society Spring workshop will be held April 20 thru April 22nd at the Sonesta Silicon Valley Hotel right down the road from us. The address is 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA. 95035. This is the old Beverly Heritage Hotel that we once held several of our PSWD Conferences. The meetings are free but meals will be on your own dime. As we get an agenda we will send it out. This is a great time to meet some of the American Dahlia Society leaders. I believe there will be a talk on the dahlia virus project, (this is not how to get the virus but how to deal with it.)

The following Saturday after the ADS meeting will be our tuber sale. Is time flying??

Our fully double flower of the year will be Olivia Maureen, BB LC WH, medal winner from our own Chris Dix. The disc bloom of the year will be Les Pinkham, S DP. This cultivar comes to us from the garden of Ken and Marilyn Masurat. We will try to have stock of both of these for your gardens.

Our next meeting will be February 20th right after the conference so we will be able to give a little bit of time to the results of this meeting.

San Leandro Dahlia Society

San Leandro Library

Jan. 16,2018   7pm

Members present  18

President  John Morton

Prior to meeting, post Christmas holiday pot luck dinner held with wide variety of items.

Thank you card received from Lynda Paradise for the gift certificates she received from our society.

Kristi Whitfield--- spoke of the ''digging day'' at Lake Merritt Gardens on MLK day.  At least 5 college age

volunteers came for day to help with placement of approx. 80 clumps. Possibly will repeat next year.

John ---''a moving on moment'' for Barry and Marcia Hart.  They are shifting their interest to orchids. Thanked for all their work including the newsletter and photo work.

John ---led discussion on upcoming PSWD Conference

      Gift bags---for all attending,  Roy plans to including an Olivia Maureen tuber planting for each.  John hopes to have enough Les Pinkham plantings for our own members.

      Raffle prizes--- Many more needed!!  John has received gift certificates from several growers.  Morton's willing to have members bring items to their home prior to event.

      Registration --- We all received one page flyer with info to complete and send to Beverly ---include

      check.  Based on received forms, hopes to have ID's ready for all on arrival.

  John --- Noted that ADS will have spring work shop in San Jose April 20-22.  Cost is lunch otherwise is free.

  Curtis --- sharing of dahlia info form.  What I want and what I have type of spreadsheet.  Sue presented a sample of a form she developed for this.  Could be useful prior to tuber sale.

      Virus testing---10 leaf samples submitted with eight found to be clean [those by Curtis and Chris] and two by John not.

   Meeting adjourned past ''happy birthday'' to JoAnna and Kristi

   8:40 pm

   Minutes recorded--- Maren Giannini