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Around the Patch December 2021



Allen's Arctic Fox
Photo ADS Library

November 26 . . . the last clump of dahlias was divided and stored the day before Thanksgiving. It was a happy conclusion to the season. The blooms this year were

mediocre from a lack of care, but the tubers were plentiful and mature. The stalks were solid near the bottom. I dusted the tubers with cinnamon, and dipped a few divisions in a VirkonS fungicide solution if they showed a brown color of decay near the shoulder.

I also dipped the cutting implements in VirkonS after each clump. This mixture is reported to be effective against bacteria, virus and some fungi. It has been endorsed by the ADS virus research committee. Finally, I have been using a oscillating "multi-tool" to make vertical cuts into the clump. It seems to be more efficient than pruning shears or a cleaver. Small cuts are made with a snap off knife. I did 47 clumps without injury. This may be too late to offer this advice. I may repeat it next year. It works for me.



December 1, seems to be a magic day for new introductions to hit the Internet.

DahliaAddict.com has timely information about which sellers are open. The ADS [website](#) has a pictorial of most of the new introductions for 2022. The 2021 Awards are also listed. A 2021 Hart winner for the AA/A category is pictured left. The originator is Kristine Albrecht, photo by Linda Taylor. It's never too early to dream about or to order dahlias. Many retailers run out early. We want to thank our *ADS Bulletin* [advertisers](#) and ask that you support them.

My third-year orchid (form) seedling was a disappointment. The few blooms that I saw failed to involute sufficiently. I had set out more than a dozen plants. Eleven clumps are now in the trash. It has been more than fifteen years since I had a good seedling in *Amy's Star*. I believe that I will continue to buy a few tickets for the dahlia lottery.

Have a wonderful holiday season,
Harry Risetto

**2022 National ADS Dahlia Show
will be hosted by the National Capital Dahlia Society (NCDS)**

Under the leadership of Kathleen Hoxie and Rich Gibson, plans are moving forward on many fronts. Visit the show website [here](#).

The NCDS has a matching-gift challenge up to \$4,000.00 that will continue through the end of the year. Donors of \$100.00 or more (donations are tax deductible) will receive a thank-you golf shirt. Details are on the show website.



Allen's Snowy Woods
Photo ADS Library

Last minute gifts for dahlia lovers

Beautiful [Dahlia Calendar](#) whose profits go to the National Show mentioned above.

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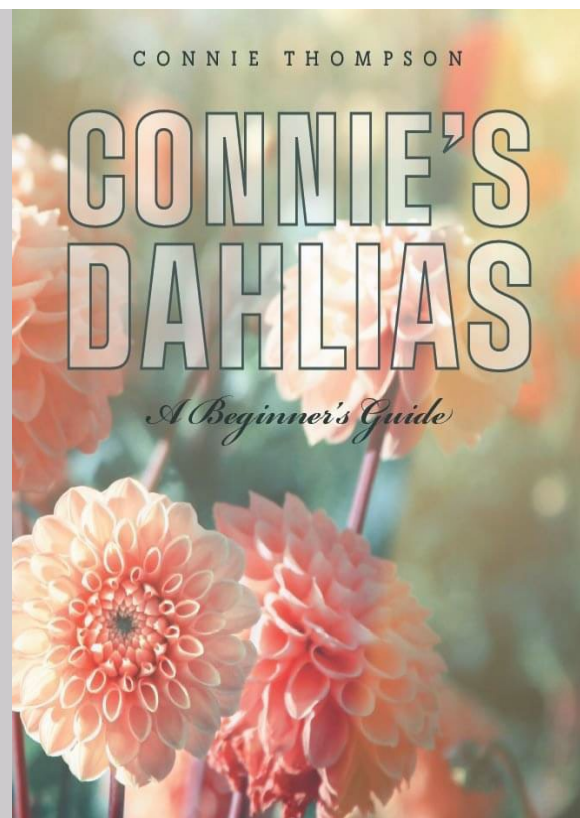
Drinking Glasses

[collarette dahlia pictured](#)

[fully double dahlia pictured](#)

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Book for beginner growers (pictured right) available at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and other book suppliers.



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