

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **DOROTHY JONES**

The Dahlia Society of Nova Scotia is saddened by the recent passing of long time member Dorothy Jones. We extend condolences to her husband Walter and her extended family.

Many will remember her at National Shows staging her dahlias and judging from her trusty scooter. Dorothy graduated from Dalhousie University with a Masters degree in Education and spent forty one years as a school teacher here in Nova Scotia, often teaching children of former students. Dorothy encouraged her school board to set up a horticultural class in local schools and started the ball rolling by supplying each student with dahlia tubers, and arranged to hold a dahlia show in September for students to show off their accomplishments.

Dorothy was shopping at a local mall and was intrigued by a large congregation of people around a colorful display of some type of flowers, she approached and this was Dorothy's first exposure to dahlias. She was overwhelmed by these beautiful flowers and quickly signed up to join the society. From that day on Dorothy and Walter became permanent fixtures at meeting, dahlia shows and displays, judging schools and at a number of ADS National Shows. Dorothy worked her way up to Senior Judge and often had a different angle on judging from her scooter than most of us, but placing the really tall entries on the floor to be judged put everyone on a level playing field.

Dorothy began trying her hand at growing seedlings and introduced a number of cultivars under the prefix of 'Onabrook', the most successful introduction being 'Onabrook Angel' which won the 2003 Darrill W. Hart Medal for highest Trial Garden score. Other popular introductions were 'Onabrook Carol', 'Onabrook Reggie' and 'Onabrook Fundy Bay' .

Despite her physical handicaps Dorothy was an inspiration to many and always had a friendly smile and upbeat response to everyone she met. She left a lasting impression with our group and will be missed greatly.